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REPORT
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
Town of Middleton
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1949

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Town Meeting Warrant

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex :

GREETING :

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Middleton on the fourteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles :

- ARTICLE 1. To authorize the Selectmen to appoint such other Town Officers as are required to be chosen annually.
- ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on Committee Reports.
- ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or bonds therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.
- ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to form a Public Welfare District, joining with Boxford and Topsfield, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44, 45 and 46 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws.
- ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,600.00 for the purpose of maintaining a common public welfare office and employing suitable persons to assist the Board of Public Welfare of Middleton in carrying out the provisions of Chapters 117, 118, 118A and 122 of the General Laws.
- ARTICLE 6. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway construction on Essex Street; said sum to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County for this purpose.
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance, said funds to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State for this purpose.
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,800.00 for Chapter 81 Highway work; said money to be used in conjunction with any money allotted by the State for this purpose.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they, in their best judgment, feel is warranted, and is approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, for the purpose of reducing the tax rate.
- ARTICLE 11. On petition of the Finance Committee to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of selling or leasing the operations of the Electric Light Department.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$225.00 to be used by the Tree Warden to remove trees on Maple Street opposite the Essex Sanatorium.
- ARTICLE 13. On petition of South Middleton Improvement Association, [Incorporated], to see if the Town will vote to have the School bus re-routed through River Street in order to pick up the High School students, and appropriate money for the same.
- ARTICLE 14. On petition of Esther L. McColley and twelve (12) others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Highland Road from Maple Street to Pine Street, an approximate distance of 300 feet, and Pine Street from Highland Road to Grove Street, an approximate distance of 350 feet.
- ARTICLE 15. On petition of Harold E. Tyler and forty-five (45) others, to see if the Town will vote to extend street lights on Lakeview Avenue (off North Main Street) and appropriate a sum of money for the same.
- ARTICLE 16. On petition of Barbara M. MacQuarrie and twenty-two (22) others, to see if the Town will vote to install street lights on Peabody Street and appropriate a sum of money for the same.
- ARTICLE 17. On petition of Electric Light Department to see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$3,000.00 from the earnings of the Electric Light Department,
- ARTICLE 18. On recommendation of the Planning Board to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to remove one side of stone abutment of the old railroad right of way, and gravel in low area on Oak Road.
- ARTICLE 19. On recommendation of the Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to have a special committee appointed by the Moderator consisting of the Chief of the Fire Department, Highway Surveyor, Chief of Police, a member of Finance Committee, a member of the Planning Board and two other qualified impartial voters of the Town, with no department having more than one representative on committee, to investigate and make recommendations as to best location, type of building and cost to adequately house the fire, police and road equipment, and to report to Town before September 30, 1950. Further recommend that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated to meet necessary expenses of committee.
- ARTICLE 20. To see what action the Town wishes to take with regard to accepting Chapter 54, Sect. 103A of General Laws, the effect of which would make Chapter 54, Sections 86 to 103 inclusive and Chapter 56, Section 27 and Section 34 dealing with absentee ballots applying to regular Town elections.
- ARTICLE 21. On petition of Elmer P. Morrill, Chief of Fire Department to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of an 800 gallon tank truck, booster pump, reels, hose and necessary equipment for the Fire Department.]
- ARTICLE 22. On petition of Clarence Osgood, Moth Superintendant, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a power sprayer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for same, agreeable to the Moth Superintendant.
- ARTICLE 23. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed by the Moderator at the annual town meeting of 1949 to investigate additional school facilities.
- ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build an addition to the Howe-Manning School and to originally equip and furnish the same; and to provide for the raising of such sum of money by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by the issue of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of Section 7, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and of the special act entitled "An Act Authorizing the Town of Middleton to Borrow Money for the Construction of an addition to the Howe-Manning School," enacted by the General Court of 1950; or to take any other action relating thereto agreeable to the petition of the committee to investigate school facilities.
- ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a school building committee, or to authorize the existing committee to investigate additional school facilities to act as a school building committee, to build an addition to the Howe-Manning School and to originally equip and furnish the same, to enter into all necessary contracts for this purpose, and to exercise on behalf of the Town all other powers necessary and incidental to the principal authority to build, equip and furnish such addition; or take any other action relating thereto, agreeable to the petition of the committee to investigate additional school facilities.
- ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to conform with the requirements of Chapter 166, Section 32 of the General Laws as amended regarding the appointment of the Inspector of Wires by the Selectmen.

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, March 20, next for the following purposes, viz : [To choose by ballot] the following Town Officers for the ensuing year :

Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, one Assessor for three years, Town Treasurer for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, and one member for one year, Highway Surveyor, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Constable, Superintendent of Burials, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, two Trustees of the Flint Library for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, and one for one year, Custodian of Town Hall, one member of the Planning Board for five years.

The polls will be open at 6:00 A. M. and shall be closed at 6:00 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, and Store at Howe Station, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

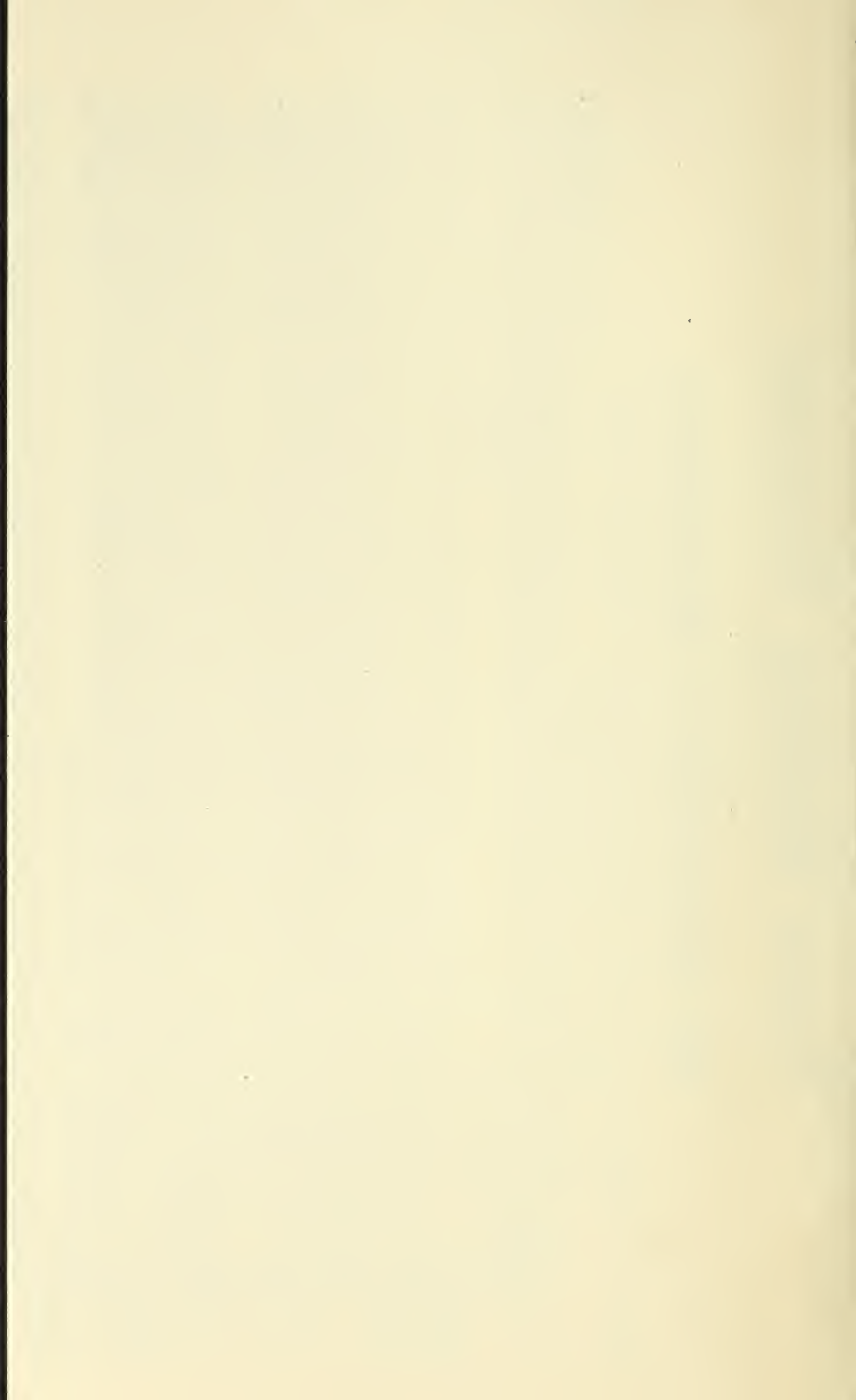
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty.

A true copy.

Attest: WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, Constable.

JAMES B. COFFIN,
FREDERICK C. STEELE,
GEORGE B. OGDEN, []
Selectmen of Middleton.





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Paul H. Young

Born 1898-Died 1949

Custodian of Town Hall 1945-1949

Robert T. Poole

Born 1897-Died 1949

Board of Public Welfare 1944-1945 1948-1949

Alfred B. Harrington

Born 1869-Died 1949

Electric Light Manager 1930-1948

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TOWN OF MIDDLETON

MASSACHUSETTS

1949



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Town Officers Elected 1949

Moderator

Wilbur Witham

Town Clerk

Elmer P. Morrill

Selectmen and Board of Health

James H. Coffin, Chairman

Frederick C. Steele, Clerk

George B. Ogden

Board of Public Welfare

Alexander Fraser, Chairman (1950)

Robert T. Poole (1951) (Deceased) Leyland A. Phillips (1952)

Charles Pasquale

Board of Assessors

Paul B. Wake, Chairman (1951)

Harold M. Bishop, Clerk (1950)

Daniel J. Donovan (1952)

Treasurer

Marion E. Mitchell (1950)

Tax Collector

Harold E. Tyler

Highway Surveyor

John J. Hocter

Constable

Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.

School Committee

Eben L. Jewett, Chairman (1952)

Rosamond L. Bastable, Clerk (1952) Harold Y. Smith (1951)

Alice K. Cass (1950) Dr. Raymond W. Silvernail (1951)

Electric Light Commissioners

Charles C. Bates, Chairman (1950)
Gus L. Fischer, Clerk (1952) Richard B. Floyd (1951)

Cemetery Commissioners

Arthur T. Page (Resigned) (1951)
Clarence E. Richardson (1950) Wm. W. Richardson (1952)

Superintendent of Burials

Richard N. Maxwell

Tree Warden

Clarence Osgood

Planning Board

Roger F. Clapp, Chairman (1951)
Alton W. Hubbard, Clerk (1954) Harold I. Nash (1953)
Eben L. Jewett (1952) Lewis G. Wright (1950) (Resigned)
Albert C. Murray (1950)

Trustees Flint Public Library

William H. Sanborn, Chairman (1951)
William T. Martin (1950) Paul B. Wake (1950)
Harold Y. Smith (1952) Elmer O. Campbell, Jr. (1952)
Carl C. Jones (1951)

Custodian of Town Hall

Paul H. Young (Deceased) James H. Ogden

Town Officers Appointed 1949

Registrars of Voters

Ernest P. Goodale, Chairman (1950)
Joseph T. Lee (1952) Lloyd H. Getchell (1951)
Elmer P. Morrill, Clerk (Ex-Officio)

Zoning Appeal Board

William H. Sanborn, Chairman

William T. Martin
Beaumont HurdPercy E. Seaver
Vincent J. Perry**Finance Committee**

Hazen M. Richardson, Chairman (1952)

William G. Birch, Clerk (1951)

Harold Y. Smith (1950)

Robert T. Sperry (1951)

Elmer C. McIntyre (1952)

Chief of Police

(Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr., Resigned)

James W. Wentworth

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Harold F. Purdy

Inspector of Cattle and Slaughtering

Murray Bullerwell

Town Accountant

Elmer O. Campbell (1951)

Forest Fire Warden

Harold F. Purdy

Chief of Fire Department

Elmer P. Morrill

Superintendent of Cemeteries

Richard N. Maxwell

Moth Superintendent

Clarence Osgood, Jr.

Electric Light Manager

Charles T. Brackett

Town Counsel

James J. Gaffney

Health Agent

Charles Pasquale

Mary Wilson, Assistant

Welfare Agent

James A. Powers

Building Inspector

Earl F. Jones

TRUSTEES

B. F. Emerson Fund

Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Massachusetts

Roger F. Clapp

William H. Sanborn

Harley M. Tyler

Mansfield Fund

Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

David Cummings Fund

Board of Public Welfare

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

1949

ANNUAL REPORT
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1949

RECEIPTS
GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:

CURRENT YEAR:

Property	\$ 86,947 66
Poll	1,347 00

PREVIOUS YEARS:

Property	9,729 00
Poll	28 00
Tax title redemptions	147 90

FROM THE STATE:

Corporation	12,895 01
Income	26,395 93

\$137,517 59

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Liquor	2,200 00
All others	236 50

2,436 50

FINES:

District Court	345 56
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345 56

GRANTS AND GIFTS:

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Old age assistance	15,455 49
Aid to dependent children	1,620 70

\$17,076 19

FROM STATE FOR EDUCATION :

Support of Public Schools	\$ 2,875 00
Vocational Education	121 50
Union Superintendency	184 09

FROM STATE FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

Highway (Chapter 81)	6,977 13
Inspector of Animals	100 00
Meal Tax	927 59

 11,681 07

FROM COUNTY:

Dog licenses	495 76
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 495 76

PRIVILEGES:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	8,821 57
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 8,821 57

 DEPARTMENTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE :

Selectmen	\$31 00
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FINANCIAL :

Treasurer	10 50
Collector	33 60

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS :

Town Hall	230 50
Old School	612 25

 \$917 85

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY :

Building Inspection	208 50	
Sealing of Weights and Measures	78 25	
Services, dog officer	84 50	
	<hr/>	\$371 25

HEALTH :

Dental Clinic	33 75	
Slaughtering Fees	1 00	
	<hr/>	34 75

HIGHWAYS :

Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,000 00	
Chapter 90, Construction	9,788 10	
Truck and machinery rental	5,616 55	
	<hr/>	16,404 65

CHARITIES :**REIMBURSEMENTS FOR RELIEF:**

From Individuals	6 00	
From Cities and Towns	2,901 99	
From State	2,682 89	

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

From State	2,014 09	
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REIMBURSEMENTS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

From Individuals	104 65	
From Cities and Towns	3,178 06	
From State	14,645 93	
	<hr/>	25,533 61

VETERAN'S SERVICES**REIMBURSEMENT FOR RELIEF;**

From State	758 50	
	<hr/>	758 50

SCHOOLS :

Repairing windows	\$7 50	
	<hr/>	\$7 50

UNCLASSIFIED:

Sale of real estate	<u>\$80 00</u>	\$80 00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:

Sale of light and power	82,801 49	
Miscellaneous	362 56	
Depreciation fund	<u>2,666 93</u>	
		85,830 98

PUBLIC SCALES	60 05	<u>60 05</u>
		85,891 03

CEMETERIES:

Sale of lots and graves	110 00	
Care " " " "	490 00	
Care of endowed lots	<u>503 50</u>	
		1,103 50

INTEREST:

On deposits	41 05	
On deferred taxes	257 91	
On excise taxes	<u>22 44</u>	
		321 40

ON PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS:

Mansfield Fund	1,020 00	
Cummings Fund	<u>2,000 00</u>	
		3,020 00

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT:

Beverage licenses	10 00	
Dog licenses	563 20	
Perpetual care funds	1,560 00	
Withholding taxes	4,532 50	
Retirement deductions	2,022 84	
Blue Cross	55 25	
Meter deposits	615 00	
Tailings	<u>30 65</u>	
		9,389 44

REFUNDS:

General departments	<u>16 64</u>	16 64
Total receipts		321,718 60
Cash balance January 1, 1949		<u>71,019 49</u>
		\$392,738 09

EXPENDITURES

DEPARTMENTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR

Salary

Wilbur Witham, Moderator	\$50 00	\$50 00
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expenses

Association dues	10 00	10 00
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SELECTMEN

Salaries

James H. Coffin	250 00	
Frederick C. Steele	250 00	
George B. Ogden	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$750 00

Expenses

Supplies and printing	50 75	
Advertisements	20 00	
Postage and forms	81 28	
Essex Street, water	38 63	
Funeral pieces	27 00	
Association dues	34 00	
	<hr/>	251 66
		<hr/>

\$1,001 66

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Salary

Elmer O. Campbell, Accountant	700 00	\$700 00
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Expenses

Postage and supplies	62 33	62 33
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762 33

TREASURER

Salary

Marion E. Mitchell, Treasurer	\$700 00	\$ 700 00
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Expenses

Supplies	46 29	
Postage	143 47	
Mileage and expenses	33 24	
Clerical assistance	50 00	
Bank charges	26 00	
Office equipment	100 00	
Association dues	1 00	
	<hr/>	400 00

TAX TITLE EXPENSES:

Land Court	38 00	
Registry of Deeds	10 00	
L. F. Davis, services	298 75	
	<hr/>	346 75

\$1,446 75

TAX COLLECTOR

Salary

Harold E. Tyler, Collector	700 00	700 00
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Expenses

Supplies and printing	110 48	
Postage	148 13	
Tax takings	62 35	
Deputy Collector's fees	10 50	
Mileage	10 06	
Clerical assistance	60 00	
Association dues	1 00	
	<hr/>	402 52

1,102 52

LAW DEPARTMENT

Salary

James J. Gaffney, Town Counsel	400 00	400 00
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Expenses

Mileage, court costs etc.	176 70	176 70
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\$576 70

ASSESSORS

Salary

Paul B. Wake	\$525 00
Harold M. Bishop	400 00
Daniel J. Donovan	269 02
Ernest LeBeau	105 98

 \$1,500 00

Expenses

Office Equipment	172 51
Forms-supplies	102 46
Clerical service	150 00
Abstracts	87 03
Mileage—postage	32 00
Association dues	6 00

 550 00

\$2,050 00

TOWN CLERK

Salary

Elmer P. Morrill, Town Clerk	400 00	400 00
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Expenses

Postage	37 68
Supplies	32 20

 69 88

469 88

PLANNING BOARD

Expenses

Supplies	96 72
Advertisements	7 89

 104 61

104 61

TOWN HALL

Salary, Paul H. Young, janitor	164 00
James H. Ogden, "	566 00

 730 00

Expenses

Fuel and light	452 77
Water and telephone	171 37
Repairs and supplies	144 25
Kitchen equipment	16 50

 \$784 89

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Expenses

Electrical work	\$ 34 80	
Labor and materials	161 90	
		\$196 70

\$1,711 59

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Salaries—Registrars' of Voters

Ernest P. Goodale	25 00	
Lloyd H. Getchell	25 00	
Joseph T. Lee	25 00	
Elmer P. Morrill	25 00	
		100 00

Expenses

Election officers	88 00	
Lunches	13 85	
Printing ballots	45 00	
		146 85

246 85

OLD SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

Salary

Charles S. Clinch, custodian	120 00	120 00
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Expenses

Fuel	593 30	
Supplies	29 74	
		623 04

\$743 04

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Wages

W. C. Rundlett	\$1,910 70	
James H. Wentworth	1,339 30	
Lloyd H. Getchell	307 50	
Alexander Fraser	86 90	
Joseph Peters	105 20	
Richard Harris	45 60	
William C. Pennock	42 90	
Leo Kopacki	29 70	
F. C. Steele	26 25	
H. F. Purdy	7 70	
Arthur Doane	7 70	
J. P. Webber	7 15	
Robert Young	4 40	
Fred Wennerberg	4 00	
	<hr/>	3,925 00

Expenses

Gasoline—oil—repairs	590 65	
Office expenses—telephone	194 11	
Marking traffic lines	45 60	
Supplies	86 70	
Equipment	119 63	
Association dues	8 00	
	<hr/>	1,044 69
		<hr/>
		\$4,969 69

1948 POLICE BILLS

Automobile hire	492 80	
	<hr/>	492 80

CONSTABLE'S SALARY

W. C. Rundlett, constable	35 00	\$35 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages

Chief, Elmer P. Morrill	\$200 00	
Deputy Chief	75 00	
Captain	50 00	
2 Lieutenants	70 00	
Forest Warden	50 00	
Firemen	1,475 50	
		\$1,920 50

Expenses

Gasoline and oil	217 77	
Equipment and repairs	876 98	
Scott air packs	592 50	
Fire alarm	389 94	
Fuel and light	337 42	
Building maintenance	38 47	
Office expenses—telephone	293 50	
Forest fire equipment	88 88	
		2,835 46
		\$4,755 96

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Salary

Earl F. Jones, inspector	200 00	200 00
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Expenses

Forms	1 15	
Telephone, mileage, postage	48 85	50 00
		250 00

BOARD OF APPEALS

Expenses

	17 26	
Hearing advertisements		17 26

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary

Harold F. Purdy, sealer	\$125 00	\$125 00
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Expenses

Supplies	73 26	73 26	\$198 26
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MOTH DEPARTMENT

Wages

Labor	\$688 47	\$688 47
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Expenses

Truck hire	175 50
Sprayer hire	420 00
Supplies	109 39
Expenses	4 50

709 89

\$1,397 86

TREE WARDEN

Wages

Labor	636 52	636 52
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Expenses

Truck hire	77 50
Saw hire	58 00
Supplies	124 04
Association dues	2 00

261 54

898 06

NEW TREES

Trees	81 75
Labor	67 50

149 25

\$149 25

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salaries

Charles Pasquale, agent	\$40 00	
Mary Wilson, ass't agent	20 00	\$60 00

Expenses

Care of patients	675 00	
Care of dumps	513 77	
Care and disposing of dogs	97 50	
Vital statistics	193 00	
Supplies	15 34	
	1,494 61	
		\$1,554 61

ESSEX SANATORIUM ASSESSMENT

County treasurer	2,464 71	2,464 71
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DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. E. J. Connolly	500 00	500 00
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INSPECTOR OF CATTLE AND SLAUGHTERING

Salary

Murray Bullerwell, inspector	300 00	\$300 00
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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY

Wages

Labor	\$2,583 20	\$2,583 20
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Expenses

Truck hire	287 20
Supplies	230 61
Essex St. Bridge, repairs	284 14
Asphalt	32 34
Office expenses	46 45

880 74

\$3,463 94

HIGHWAY SPECIAL (RIVERVIEW)

Wages

Labor	483 20
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Expenses

Truck hire	344 25
Equipment hire	47 50
Gravel	38 40

430 15

913 35

HIGHWAY SPECIAL (LOCUST ST.)

Wages

Labor	529 40
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Expenses

Truck hire	298 90
Gravel	35 40

334 30

\$863 70

CHAPTER 81 MAINTENANCE

Wages		\$3,955 45	
Labor			
Expenses			
Truck hire	\$2,249 90		
Equipment hire	220 00		
Asphalt	4,311 74		
Sand and gravel	1,093 46		
Supplies	821 55		
Office expenses—telephone	147 61		
		8,824 66	
			\$12,799 71

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Wages			
Labor		483 43	
Expenses			
Truck hire	346 55		
Equipment hire	320 70		
Asphalt	1,253 97		
Sand and stone	595 35		
		2,516 57	
			8,000 00

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

Wages			
Labor		3,755 70	
Expenses			
Truck hire	3,088 85		
Equipment hire	2,350 88		
Asphalt	308 91		
Sand and gravel	487 06		
Supplies	198 56		
		6,434 26	
			\$10,189 96

SNOW

Wages

Labor	\$2,056 40
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Expenses

Truck hire	\$2,198 00
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Repairs and supplies	819 63
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Sand and salt	866 04
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Sanding equipment	358 54
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State highway	21 57
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	\$4,263 78
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	\$6,320 18
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ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Gasoline and oil	1,220 07
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Parts and repairs	843 37
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Storage	540 00
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Insurance	161 02
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Supplies	247 54
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Registry of Motor Vehicles	8 00
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	3,020 00
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	3,020 00
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STREET LIGHTING

Middleton Electric Light Dept.

2,750 00

\$2,750 00

CHARITIES

PUBLIC WELFARE

SALARIES:

Alexander Fraser	\$100 00	
Leyland Phillips	100 00	
Charles Pasquale	66 50	
Clarence Osgood	25 00	
Robert Poole	25 00	
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		\$316 50

EXPENSES

Administration	66 47	
Cash	5,164 68	
Groceries, fuel, clothing	988 65	
Medical aid	595 45	
Other cities and towns	1,547 45	
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		8,362 70
		\$8,679 20

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATION:

Salary of agent	712 50	
Mileage	86 94	
Supplies, postage	13 32	
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		812 76

AID

Cash	35,843 43	
Other cities and towns	928 94	
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		36,772 37
		\$37,585 13

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Administration:

Supplies and postage	\$9 42
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Aid

Cash	5,398 07
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\$5,407 49

VETERANS' SERVICES

VETERANS' AGENT

Salary

James H. Ogden, agent	250 00
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Cash	787 00
Groceries, fuel, rent	431 30
Medical aid	1,016 00
Funeral expense	150 00

2,384 30

\$2,634 30

SCHOOLS

SALARIES:

Teachers	\$25,702 27
Superintendent	431 60
Doctor	300 00
Nurse	448 00
Committee clerk	25 00
Janitor	2,250 00
Attendance officer	100 00
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	\$29,256 87

EXPENSES:

Superintendent—expenses	173 74
Office—expenses	109 82
Books and supplies	2,196 28
Building maintenance	746 01
Fuel and light	1,376 46
Transportation	5,000 00
Tuition	17,045 13
Furniture	1,264 57
Graduation expenses	71 65
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	27,983 66
	\$57,240 53

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Expenses

Tuition	556 20		
Transportation	55 00		
		611 20	611 20

SCHOOL ADDITION SURVEY

Expenses

Architect	750 00		
Dept. of Education	1 00		
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		751 00	
			\$751 00

LIBRARY

Salaries

On order	\$1,042 92
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Expenses

On order	1,393 60
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\$2,436 52

(For complete report see Trustees' report)

RECREATION

PARK:

Wages

Labor	394 60
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Expenses

Supplies	69 29
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Truck hire	10 00
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Water	5 32
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84 61

\$479 21

UNCLASSIFIED

OLD SCHOOL ALTERATIONS

Booma-Breed Co., heating	\$350 00		
Wm. H. Bray & Sons, contractor			
	4,263 51		
Ledger Levesque, carpenter	229 96		
Joseph T. Lee, "	328 34		
Gus L. Fischer, electrician	418 65		
John F. Cabeen, plumbing	1,219 97		
Alfred Berube, painting	1,197 35		
Pelletier Shade Co., curtains	97 00		
Blueprints, ads, supplies	101 70		
		\$8,206 48	\$8,206 48

OLD SCHOOL REPAIRS

Labor and material	89 02	89 02
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INSURANCE

Workmen's compensation			
and liability	481 04		
Building liability	85 00		
School	416 70		
Fire	66 00		
Sealer's equipment	25 05		
Clerk's bond	5 00		
Collector's bond			
and burglary insurance	146 75		
Treasurer's bond			
and burglary insurance	109 00		
		\$1,334 54	1,834 54

RECODIFYING BY-LAWS

Printing and advertising	146 81	\$146 81
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MEMORIAL DAY

Band	\$192 00		
Flowers, wreaths, flags	106 50		
Speaker and music	42 00		
Refreshments	22 40		
Printing	10 00		
	<hr/>	\$372 90	\$372 90

PRINTING TOWN REPORTS

Newhall Printers, printing	473 00		
Delivering reports	51 00		
	<hr/>	524 00	524 00

SPECIAL LIGHTING

Traffic lights	11 67		
Park lighting	27 00		
Christmas Tree lighting	45 00		
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MANSFIELD FUND

Concerts	270 00		
Picnic	418 24		
Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets	395 00		
	<hr/>	1,083 24	\$1,083 24

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

Commissioner's	\$ 300 00	
Office	2,485 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,785 00

WAGES:

C. T. Brackett	3,900 80	
Raymond Currier	3,291 30	
Benj. Nimblett	3,051 00	
Robert Thomas	2,142 70	
Roland Fournier	32 20	
Wendell Hilton	18 40	
Clarence Osgood	5 00	
	<hr/>	12,441 40

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION:

ENERGY:

Salem Elec. Lighting Co.	48,086 01	
Danvers Electric Light Dept.	102 33	
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EXPENSES:

Sub-station equipment	750 00	
Poles and wire	3,163 99	
Meters and Transformers	1,959 53	
Office equipment	157 45	
Miscellaneous equipment	230 79	
Supplies	2,608 14	
Maintenance of meters and transformers	233 33	
Maintenance of street lights	348 43	
Truck maintenance	866 61	
Insurance	578 12	
Office supplies	782 70	
Depreciation fund	2,666 93	
Refund	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$14,576 02

FOREST STREET LIGHTS

Labor and materials		\$892 60
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WEBB STREET LIGHTS

Labor and materials		150 00
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DEPRECIATION FUND

Doane Motor Co., Dodge truck		1,297 00
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		\$80,330 36
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PUBLIC SCALES

SALARY:

Harold L. Purdy, weigher	50 00	50 00
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Expenses

Repairs—labor and materials	124 32	124 32
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		\$174 32
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CEMETERIES

Salaries

Commissioners		
Wm. W. Richardson	\$20 00	
Clarence Richardson	20 00	
Arthur T. Page	5 00	
Superintendent of burials		
R. N. Maxwell	30 00	
		\$75 00

Expenses

Labor	2,597 75	
Truck hire	206 50	
Supplies	27 14	
Water	18 51	
		2,849 90

OPENING GRAVES

Labor	450 75	
Truck hire	13 50	
		464 25

ASPHALT AND EQUIPMENT

Asphalt	165 53	
Equipment	37 66	
		202 79

\$3,591 94

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

LOANS

New school construction loan	\$2,000 00		
Old school alteration loan	2,000 00		
Tractor purchase loan	2,000 00		
		\$6,000 00	\$6,000 00

INTEREST

New school loan	320 00		
Tractor loan	64 77		
		384 77	384 77

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

State audit	205 54		
State parks and reservations	249 57		
County tax	5,974 56		
Dog licenses to County	563 20		
Withholding tax, deductions	4,527 50		
Retirement fund, deductions	2,022 84		
Retirement fund, assessment	1,213 31		
Blue Cross	55 25		
Meter deposits	525 00		
Beverage license	10 00		
		15,346 77	15,346 77

TRUST

Deposit of endowment funds	1,550 00		
			\$1,550 00

REFUNDS

1949 Real estate tax	\$37 93		
1949 Motor vehicle excise tax	245 57		
Building Inspector, fees	2 00		
Tailings	31 16		
		\$316 66	\$316 66
Total expenditures			306,949 02
Cash balance December 31, 1949			85,797 80
			<u>392,738 19</u>

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

School survey	501 00	
Public welfare	356 70	
Vocational education	211 20	
Health	154 61	
Old school, expenses	98 04	
Police	170 00	
Town scales	24 32	
Road machinery account	20 00	
Accountant expenses	12 33	
Insurance	7 54	
		\$1,555 74

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS,
TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 1949

		Appropriation and Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Moderator, salary		\$50 00	50 00	
Finance Committee Expenses		10 00	10 00	
Selectmen, Salaries		750 00	750 00	
Expenses		300 00	251 66	48 34
Accountant Salary		700 00	700 00	
Expenses	50 00			
Transfer	12 33	62 33	62 33	
Treasurers Salary		700 00	700 00	
Expenses		400 00	400 00	
Tax Titles Expenses		350 00	346 75	3 25
Collectors Salary		700 00	700 00	
Expenses		410 00	402 52	7 48
Assessors Salaries		1,500 00	1,500 00	
Expenses		550 00	550 00	
Town Counsel Salary		400 00	400 00	
Expenses		400 00	176 70	223 30
Town Clerks Salary		400 00	400 00	
Expenses		88 00	69 88	18 12
Election and Registrations Sal.		100 00	100 00	
Expenses		150 00	146 85	3 15
Planning Board Expenses		200 00	104 61	95 39
Water survey		500 00		500 00*
Town Hall Salary		730 00	730 00	
Expenses		800 00	784 89	15 11
Repairs		511 05	196 70	314 35*
Old School Salary		200 00	120 00	80 00
Expenses	525 00			
	98 04	623 04	623 04	
Police Salaries and Wages		3,925 00	3,925 00	
Expenses	875 00			
Transfer	170 00	1,045 00	1,044 69	31
1948 Bills		492 80	492 80	
Constable Salary		35 00	35 00	
Fire Salaries		745 00	725 00	20 00
Expenses		4,040 00	4,030 96	9 04
Building Inspector Salary		200 00	200 00	
Expenses		50 00	50 00	
Board of Appeals Expenses		50 00	17 26	32 74
Sealer of Weights and Meas. Sal.		125 00	125 00	
Expenses		75 00	73 26	1 74
Moth Wages and Expenses		1,400 00	1,397 86	2 14
Tree Warden Wages, Expenses		900 00	898 06	1 94
New Trees		150 00	149 27	75

42 APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSFERS—EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations and Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Health Salary and Expenses			
1,400 00			
Transfer 154 61	1,554 61	1,554 61	
Essex Sanatorium Assessment	2,464 71	2,464 71	
Dental Clinic	500 00	500 00	
Inspector of Slaughtering Sal.	100 00	100 00	
Inspector of Cattle Salary	200 00	200 00	
Road Mach. Fund Bal. 1,348 01			
Receipts 5,616 55			
Transfers 20 00	6,984 56	3,020 00	3,964 56*
Highways, Wages, Expenses	3,500 00	3,463 94	36 06
Chapter 81	4,800 00		
State 8,000 00	12,800 00	12,799 71	29
Chapter 90 Main.	2,000 00		
State 1,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00	
Chapter 90 Con. Bal. 5,069 76			
State and County 6,000 00	11,069 76	10,189 96	879 80*
Riverview, Special	1,000 00	913 35	86 65
Locust St., “	1,000 00	863 70	136 30
Snow	7,500 00	6,320 18	1,179 82
Essex St., Land Taking	195 95		195 95*
Street Lighting	2,750 00	2,750 00	
Traffic Lights	100 00	83 67	16 33
Public Welfare Salaries	325 00	316 50	8 50
Expenses 8,000 00			
Refund 6 00			
Transfer 356 70	8,362 70	8,362 70	
Old Age Assistance Aid			
25,000 00			
Refund 104 65	25,104 65	22,430 01	1,674 64
Federal Grant	17,528 37	13,342 36	4,186 01*
Administration	600 00	535 80	64 20
Federal Grant	424 55	276 96	147 59*
Aid Dependent Children			
Aid	4,000 00	3,803 98	196 02
Federal Grant	2,073 13	1,594 09	479 04*
Administration			
Federal Grant	64 80	9 42	55 38
Veterans' Agent Salary	250 00	250 00	
Expense	50 00		50 00
Soldiers' Relief	2,700 00	2,384 30	315 70
School Salaries	29,900 00	29,256 87	643 13
Expenses	28,066 60	27,983 66	82 94
Survey 250 00			
Transfer 501 00	751 00	751 00	
Vocational Education	400 00		
Transfer 211 20	611 20	611 20	
Library Salaries	1,100 00	1,042 92	57 08
Expenses	1,395 76	1,393 60	2 16

		Appropriation and Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Park Expenses		500 00	479 21	20 79
Essex County Retirement Board		1,213 31	1,213 31	
Memorial Day		400 00	372 90	27 10
Recodifying Bylaws		150 00	146 81	3 19
Town Report		550 00	524 00	26 00
Insurance	1,285 00			
Refund	42 00			
Transfer	7 54	1,334 54	1,334 54	
Repairs, Old School		89 02	89 02	
Alterations, Old School		8,215 45	8,206 48	8 97
Electric Light				
Energy		49,000 00	48,188 34	811 66
Expenses	12,000 00			
Transfer	1,242 88	13,242 88	13,206 09	46 79
Wages		12,500 00	12,441 40	58 60
Salaries		2,800 00	2,785 00	15 00
Depreciation		2,666 93	2,666 93	
Forest St., Lights		892 60	892 60	
Webb St., Lights		150 00	150 00	
Town Scales Salary		50 00	50 00	
Expenses	100 00			
Transfer	24 32	124 32	124 32	
Cemeteries Salaries		90 00	75 00	15 00
Expenses	2,360 00			
Income	503 50	2,865 50	2,849 90	13 60
Graves		500 00	464 25	35 75
Equipment		202 79	202 79	
Municipal Indebtedness		6,000 00	6,000 00	
Interest		450 00	384 77	65 23
Mansfield Fund Bal.	154 99			
Income	1,020 00	1,174 99	1,083 24	91 75*

* Balance carried forward

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1949—GENERAL ACCOUNTS

MUNICIPAL LIGHT:

Energy
Miscellaneous

\$6,470 37
120 73

State Aid to Hig'ys
County Aid to "

10,041 72
2,000 00

12,041 72

1948 Overlay deficit
1949 Overlay deficit
County Tax Deficit

8 00
19 18
914 28

914 46
\$121,867 36

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED:

Departmental 1,976 31
Tax Titles 5,599 65
Motor Vehicle excise 1,060 37
Municipal Light 6,691 10
Highway 12,041 72

27,269 15
915 06
59,263 98
\$121,867 36

Overestimate State Tax
Surplus Revenue

27,269 15
915 06
59,263 98
\$121,867 36

BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1949—DEBT AND TRUST FUNDS

DEBT ACCOUNTS		TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS	
ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$22,000 00	School Construction Loan	\$14,000 00
		Old School Alterations Loan	4,000 00
		Tractor Purchase Loan	4,000 00
	<u>\$22,000 00</u>		<u>\$22,000 00</u>
ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Trust and Investment Funds		David Cummings Fund	\$8,835 40
Cash and securities		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	24,811 79
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$43,119 19	Post War Rehabilitation Fund	9,472 00
In Custody of Library Trustees	9,357 80		
In Custody of Naumkeag Trust Co.	10,169 99	Charles L. Flint Library Fund	6,025 67
		Mary E. Emerson Book Fund	3,332 13
		B. F. Emerson Library Fund	10,169 99
	<u>\$62,646 98</u>		<u>\$62,646 98</u>

PAYROLL ANALYSIS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	Labor	Truck
Leopold Blais	\$2,440 90	
Blais Brothers		\$289 25
Raymond Colby	2,387 55	
James Donovan	654 00	
Philip Donovan		667 25
Robert Fuller	1,344 70	
L. Floyd Getchell	13 20	
John J. Hocter, Jr.	100 00	
John J. Hocter, Sr.	2,802 00	
Wm. J. Hocter	16 00	
Clement Kimball	3 00	
Ted Klosowski		637 25
Roy Lord	45 00	
Allan Marshall	2,600 40	
George Nash	6 00	
James Ogden	321 00	
Roger Pennell	10 00	
William Pennock	3 20	
Joseph Peters	11 00	
Joseph Picariello		40 00
H. K. Richardson		241 25
John H. Ross		336 25
David Sheldon	18 00	
Oscar H. Sheldon	859 00	
Frank Silva	59 00	
Leonard Smith		72 00
James Wentworth	1,434 95	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Charles Baker	57 00
Robert Fulton	38 50
James Kuell, Jr.	6 00
Daniel Lord	4 00
Roy Lord	286 00
Ernest Lindsay	8 00

	Labor	Truck
Newton Maxwell	\$ 233 00	
Richard Maxwell	1,487 50	\$217 75
Thomas Murphy	451 50	
David MacWhinnie	16 00	
Arthur Page	209 50	
Rene Poussard	12 00	
Richard Sanborn, Jr.	185 00	
Fred Wilcox	4 00	

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Donald Aylward	122 20	
James Donovan	61 00	
George Ennis	18 40	
Roland Fournier	57 50	
Robert Fuller	78 50	
Alton Hubbard	2 00	
Joseph Lee	1 50	
Clarence Osgood	328 44	
Paul Osgood	22 00	
William Ogden	208 15	82 00
Foster Pichard	27 60	
James Prentis	4 40	
Pete Rubchinuk	32 00	
Oscar Sheldon		161 00
Leon Soper	373 50	
Leonard Wenneberg	84 80	

PARK DEPARTMENT

Henry F. Luscomb	347 00
Carl Shuman	39 60

TREASURER'S REPORT
December 31, 1949

Balance, January 1, 1949

\$71,019 49

AGENCIES:

Blue Cross	55 25
Essex County Retirement Board	2,022 84
Federal withholding tax	4,532 50
Tailings	30 65

CEMETERY:

Burials	490 00
Graves sold	110 00
Lots endowed	1,560 00

COUNTY TREASURER:

Dog officer	84 50
Dog tax, refund	495 76
Highways, Chapter 90	3,262 70

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT:

Collections	80,051 49
Deposits	615 00
Depreciation Fund	2,666 93
Excise Tax Refund	54 12
Miscellaneous	308 44
Street lights	2,750 00

INTEREST EARNED:

Endowed Cemetery Lots	503 50
Meter Deposit Fund	41 05

LICENSES:

Liquor and all others	2,372 00
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MISCELLANEOUS:

Dental Clinic	\$33 75
Dog tax	563 20
Fees	414 80
Fines	345 56
Land sales	86 00
Mansfield Fund	1,020 00
Miscellaneous sales	2 00
Rent of old school	600 00
Rent of Town Hall	228 50
Tax Title Accounts	154 78

REIMBURSEMENTS:

Advertising	28 50
Accident insurance	77 55
Cancelled checks	97 29
Cities and Towns:	
O. A. A. and Public Welfare	6,878 72
Collector's bond	29 75
Cummings Fund	2,000 00
Miscellaneous	7 50
Premium refund (insurance)	12 25

ROAD MACHINERY FUND:

Machinery rentals	5,539 00
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STATE TREASURER:

Aid dependent children:	
State aid	2,014 09
U. S. Grant	1,620 70
Agriculture	100 00
Corporation tax	12,895 01
Dept. of Education	2,875 00
Dept. of Public Works:	
Highways—Chapter 81	5,018 85
Highways—Chapter 90	9,483 68
Income Tax	26,395 93

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Old Age Assistance:

State aid	14,645 93
U. S. grant	15,455 49
Meal tax	927 59
Reimbursement—loss of taxes	874 54
School superintendents	184 09
Temporary Aid and Transp.	2,268 04
Veterans' service	758 50
Vocational education	121 50
Support of Indigent Persons	414 85

TAX COLLECTOR:

Taxes	105,257 02
Interest	278 06
Demand	3 85

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$321,718 60

\$392,738 09

Warrants

\$306,940 29

Balance, December 31, 1949

\$85,797 80

CUMMINGS FUND

December 31, 1949

Balance, January 1, 1949	\$9,877 62
United Shoe Machinery Corp., Shares	975 00

RECEIPTS

United Shoe Machinery, dividends	\$87 77	
Salem Savings Bank, interest	117 92	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, interest	124 79	
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		330 48
Total income		11,183 10
Trustees' orders		2,347 70
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		\$8,835 40

Balance, December 31, 1949		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	4,884 55	
Salem Savings Bank	2,805 46	
Merchants National Bank	170 39	
United Shoe Machinery, shares	975 00	
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		\$8,835 40

Respectfully submitted,

MARION E. MITCHELL,

Treasurer.

Town of Middleton
Cemetery Endowment Account
Danvers Savings Bank

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1948	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1949
Atwood, L. Frank - - - -	360	\$121 08	\$3 04	\$3 50	\$120 62
Averill, Joseph - - - -	346	103 47	2 59	3 00	103 06
Berry, Allen & Catherine - -	112	140 88	3 53	3 50	140 91
Berry, William - - - -	178	104 78	2 63	3 00	104 41
Brown, Sarah F. - - - - ½ of	434	53 98	1 34	1 00	54 32
Bryer, Allen D. - - - -	526	207 12	5 20	4 00	208 32
Carleton, Loring - - - -	34	408 40	10 26	5 00	413 66
Curtis, Phoebe - - - -	-	54 25	1 36	1 00	54 61
Dame, John - - - -	284	164 67	4 13	4 00	164 80
Demsey, J. W. - - - -	156	103 80	2 60	3 00	103 40
Dennett, Ruth H. - - - -	24	79 78	1 99	2 00	79 77
Eaton, Irvin L. - - - -	168	77 02	1 92	2 00	76 94
Emerson, Benjamin F. - - -	214	167 14	4 20	4 00	167 34
Emerson, Eunice W. - - - -	166	107 08	2 69	3 00	106 77
Estey and Hutchinson - - - -	48	104 99	2 63	3 00	104 62
Esty, Allena A. - - - -	258	237 95	5 96	6 00	237 91
Esty, Annie E. - - - -	572	103 26	2 59	3 00	102 85
Evans, George - - - -	604	150 00		No Chg.	150 00
Flint, George B. - - - -	152	72 11	1 81	1 00	72 92
Fowler, Alonzo - - - -	12	266 84	6 71	4 00	269 55
Frame, L. Maria - - - -	516	134 52	3 38	3 50	134 40
Fuller, Daniel - - - -	628	104 19	2 61	3 00	103 80
Fuller, Lida A. - - - -	686	104 90	2 63	3 00	104 53
Fuller, Sophronia - - - -	236	244 49	6 14	5 00	245 63
Fuller, William H. - - - -	336	103 56	2 59	3 00	103 15
Gifford, William - - - -	180	104 81	2 63	3 00	104 44
Gilbert, James - - - -	188	104 75	2 63	2 50	104 88
Godfrey, William R. - - - -	714	101 64	2 54	2 50	101 68
Goodwin, Ira E. Heirs of - -	380	111 30	2 79	2 00	112 09
Gould, Eben - - - -	514	106 73	2 68	3 00	106 41
Gould, Porter I. - - - -	414	105 00	2 64	3 00	104 64
Graves-Porter-Richardson - -	586	103 35	2 59	2 50	103 44
Graves, D. Augustine - - - -	234	103 34	2 59	2 50	103 43
Ham and King - - - -	356	136 26	3 41	3 50	136 17
Hutchinson, Caroline A. - - -	253	103 44	2 59	3 00	103 03
Hutchinson, Elisha P. - - - -	740	103 66	2 59	3 00	103 25

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1948	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1949
Johnson, Frank E. - - - - -	804	\$116 04	\$2 91	\$2 00	\$116 95
Leavitt, Jerome - - - - -	62	162 76	4 08	3 50	163 34
McIntire, Abraham - - - - -	132	79 53	1 99	1 50	80 02
McIntire, Annie M. - - - - -	338	110 53	2 77	3 00	110 30
Milbery, J. Wesley - - - - -	706	105 52	2 64	3 00	105 16
Peabody & Hutchinson - - - 182-184		161 35	4 05	3 50	161 90
Peabody, Andrew - - - - -	56	103 45	2 59	2 50	103 54
Peabody, John L. - - - - -	196	107 31	2 69	3 00	107 00
Peabody, William M. - - - - -		104 50	2 61	3 00	104 11
Peabody, Samuel M. - - - - -	204	104 96	2 63	3 00	104 59
Peabody, L. Maria - - - - -	584	105 70	2 65	3 00	105 35
Pike, Sarah J. - - - - -	412	137 68	3 45	2 00	139 13
Phelps, William A. - - - - -	148	104 11	2 61	2 50	104 22
Richardson, Eli - - - - -	363	167 14	4 20	3 50	167 84
Richardson, Lucy G. - - - - -	80	505 25	4 64	3 00	506 89
Russell, George - - - - -	114	155 56	3 90	3 50	155 96
Russell, Harriett W. - - - - -		105 73	2 65	2 50	105 88
Russell, Persis - - - - -	430	231 62	5 82	5 00	232 44
Sargent, James A. - - - - -	750	105 25	2 64	2 00	105 89
Skinner & Wilkins - - - - -	400	105 54	2 64	2 50	105 68
Smith, E. D. & M. J. - - - - -	436	103 18	2 59	2 00	103 77
Smith, Sarah F. - - - - -	102	171 63	4 30	3 50	172 43
Soper, Polly A. - - - - -	298	103 99	2 60	2 50	104 09
Stiles, David - - - - -		173 53	4 35	4 00	173 88
Stiles, Farnham - - - - -	10	103 96	2 60	2 50	104 06
Tedford, Joseph A. - - - - -	810	160 02	4 03	3 00	161 05
Thomas, H. Amelia - - - - -	64	79 01	1 99	1 50	79 50
Thompson, C. E. & Ellen - - - - -	392	251 30	6 32	5 00	252 62
Tufts, Wilbur - - - - -	486	103 28	2 59	2 50	103 37
Tyler, Ansel P. - - - - -	540	185 71	4 66	4 00	186 37
Weston, Samuel W. - - - - -	36	213 30	5 35	6 00	212 65
Wellman, John R. - - - - -	40	224 85	5 64	6 00	224 49
Whitman, Carl N. - - - - -	116	104 39	2 61	2 50	104 50
Wilkins, Luther - - - - -	176	178 30	4 48	3 00	179 78
Wilkins, Henry A. - - - - -	254	104 71	2 63	2 50	104 84
Wilkins, Timothy - - - - -	50	108 63	2 71	3 00	108 34
		\$9,953 86	\$237 82	\$218 00	\$9,973 68

Town of Middleton
Cemetery Endowment Account
Salem Five Cents Savings Bnkn

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1948	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1949
Atwood, Morrison - - -	123	\$163 34	\$4 10	\$3 50	\$163 94
Averill, Edward P. - - -	52	104 41	2 61	3 00	104 02
Barnaby, Caroline V. - - -	646	113 89	2 85	3 00	113 74
Batchelder, Harold T. - - -	528	82 18	2 07	1 00	83 25
Conlon, Mary A. - . -		106 06	2 67	3 00	105 73
Curry, Mary A. - - -	342	107 82	2 70	3 00	107 52
Day, Mrs. Geo. E. - - -	588	53 70	1 34	1 00	54 04
Day, Weaver - - - -	248	158 08	3 98	3 50	158 56
Fuller, Jeremiah - - -	40	141 62	3 55	3 50	141 67
Fuller, Luella F. - - -	158	157 58	3 95	3 50	158 03
Fuller, Lydia & Timothy -	268	104 83	2 63	3 00	104 46
Fuller and Taylor - - -	644	156 07	3 93	3 50	156 50
Goswiler, Carl B. - - -	716	161 20	4 05	3 50	161 75
Hall, E. P. - - - -	106	106 96	2 68	3 00	106 64
Harlow, Levi F. - - -	684	107 14	2 69	2 50	107 33
Haskell, Ella C. - - -	390	207 00	5 20	5 00	207 20
Higgins, Lewis S. - - -	264	108 88	2 73	3 00	108 61
Hobbs, Kathryn - - $\frac{1}{2}$ of	588	53 83	1 34	1 00	54 17
Hutchinson and Russell -	518	102 23	2 57	2 00	102 80
Jones, John E. - - -	372	104 97	2 63	2 50	105 10
Jones, Samuel - - -	290	105 68	2 64	3 00	105 32
Peabody, A. W. - - -	90	253 28	6 36	8 00	251 64
Peabody, Dean - - -	344	102 52	2 57	2 00	103 09
Peabody, John W., 2nd - -	192	154 23	3 88	3 00	155 11
Peabody, Laura E. - - -	534	103 93	2 60	3 00	103 53
Putney, Lucretia - - -	104	153 50	3 85	3 50	153 85
Richardson, Benj. F. - - -	164	104 19	2 61	3 00	103 80
Richardson, Daniel - - -		104 59	2 61	2 50	104 70
Richardson, Rev. D. W. -	410	105 22	2 64	2 50	105 36
Stiles, Hiram A. - - -	30	164 65	4 13	3 50	165 28
Stiles, Osgood F. - - -	424	164 21	4 13	3 50	164 84
Stiles, Sumner P. - - -	482	164 67	4 13	3 50	165 30
Taylor, Benjamin H. - - -	334	104 54	2 61	3 00	104 15
White, Henry F. - - -	208	83 88	2 09	2 00	83 97

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1948	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1949
Wilkins, Henry & Cora -	440-442	315 62	7 93	6 00	317 55
Wilkins, Edward W. - -	172	189 93	4 76	3 50	191 19
Wilkins, Samuel H. - -	230	104 91	2 63	3 00	104 54
Young, John - - -	278	104 24	2 61	2 50	104 35
		<u>\$4,985 58</u>	<u>\$125 05</u>	<u>\$118 00</u>	<u>\$4,992 63</u>

Town of Middleton
Cemetery Endowment Account
Salem Savings Bank

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1948	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1949
Baker, Charles, Jr. - - -	398	\$152 21	\$3 83	\$3 50	\$152 54
Barnaby, John - - -	308	150 94	3 78	3 00	151 72
Bastable, Arthur - - -	10	154 86	3 88	3 50	155 24
Berry, Milton - - -	718	152 60	3 83	3 00	153 43
Boghosian, Leon - - ½ of	B15½		78	No Chg.	75 78
Boodro, Austin - - -	B15	75 00	1 88	No Chg.	76 88
Bradstreet, H. H. - - -	1	154 94	3 88	3 50	155 32
Bryer, Lillian L. - - -	606	152 10	3 83	3 50	152 43
Carter, Mary O. - - -	137	156 88	3 93	3 50	157 31
Curtis, Philip - - -	B-13	151 45	3 80	3 50	151 75
Darling, Lyman - - -	438		1 56	No Chg.	151 56
Densmore, Stanley - - -	B3	153 18	3 85	3 50	153 53
Downing, William H. - - -	626	106 45	2 67	1 00	108 12
Duncan, Reuben - - -	489	152 86	3 83	3 50	153 19
Emerson, Ellen M. - - -	138	103 01	2 59	3 00	102 60
Emerson, Henry P. - - -	496	531 82	13 37	10 00	535 19
Esty, Loren G. - - -	538	125 26	3 14	3 00	125 40
Firman, Aaron G. - - Sec.	504	50 00	94	1 00	49 94
Fletcher, Samuel A. - - -	130	101 84	2 55	2 00	102 39
Flint, Harley A. - - -	256	102 32	2 57	3 00	101 89
Frost, Chas. O. - - -	340	175 98	4 42	3 50	176 90
Fuller, Abijah - - -	110	176 03	4 43	4 00	176 46
Gould, Andrew - - -	352	55 01	1 38	1 00	55 39
Gould, Mary - - -	422		2 08	No Chg.	202 08
Gould, Walter - - -	578	153 26	3 85	3 50	153 61
Graham, Benj. & Edythe - -	139	152 71	3 83	3 00	153 54
Hatch, Herbert O. - - -	642		2 19	No Chg.	152 16
Hilton, Ellen - - -	492½	157 62	3 95	No Chg.	161 57
Hoelzel, William - - -	5-6	154 21	3 88	3 50	154 59
Howe, Benjamin - - -	160	152 69	3 83	3 00	153 52
Jones, John and Mary - - -	802	202 61	5 09	3 50	204 20
Jopp, C. B. - - -	912	76 83	1 91	1 00	77 74
Lee & Meade - - -	82	152 66	3 83	3 50	152 99
Leonard & Henderson - - -	141-3	306 48	7 71	6 00	308 19
Lever, William - - -	18	150 45	3 78	2 50	151 73

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

NAME	No. of Lot	Balance 1948	Interest Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1949
Martin, William - - -		\$152 84	\$3 83	\$3 50	\$153 17
Metcalf, John - - -	624	153 24	3 85	3 50	153 59
Millett, Annie L. - - -		152 94	3 83	3 00	153 77
McGlauffin, Benjamin T. - -	76	155 12	3 90	3 50	155 52
McKenne, Thomas - - -	532	153 52	3 85	3 50	153 87
Nash, Harold - - -	B11	76 72	1 91	1 50	77 13
Nelson, Roy - - -	910	153 21	3 85	3 50	153 56
Paine, Walter - - -	7	153 89	3 85	3 50	154 24
Peabody, Merrill - - -	754	105 52	2 64	2 50	105 66
Perkins, William - - -	643	204 30	5 13	3 00	206 43
Phelps, Annie H. - - -	146	174 30	4 38	3 50	175 18
Richardson, William J. - -	250	158 18	3 98	3 50	158 66
Russell, Serena - - -	477	154 54	3 88	3 00	155 42
Sanford, William - - -	11½	77 05	1 94	1 50	77 49
Sheldon, Alonzo - - -	682	153 45	3 85	3 00	154 30
Sheldon, Lucy J. - - -	212	156 34	3 93	3 50	156 77
Smith, George H. - - -	764	108 73	2 73	2 00	109 46
Stewart, Richard - - -	876		2 51	No Chg.	152 51
Symonds, Charles H. - - -	448	104 24	2 61	2 50	104 35
Townsend, Edward - - -	468	151 39	3 80	3 00	152 19
Townsend, Ernest - - -	454	151 39	3 80	3 00	152 19
Tyler, Alma - - -		150 94	3 78	2 00	152 72
Tyler, Henrietta - - -		150 94	3 78	2 00	152 72
Wiggins, Alexander - - -	806	157 62	3 95	No Chg.	161 57
Wilkins, Alvin - - -	218		94	No Chg.	150 94
Wilkins, Charles - - -	459	153 25	3 85	3 00	154 10
Wilkins, Susan A. - - -	596	103 50	2 59	2 50	103 59
Wilkins and Young - - -	614	152 84	3 83	3 50	153 17
Williams, Percy - - -	½B17		31	No Chg.	75 31
		\$8,514 26	\$223 42	\$167 50	\$9,520 49
Section C Graves		267 89	7 10		334 99

REPORTS

OF THE

Various Departments

1949

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY—TRUSTEE'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:

Balance January 1, 1949	\$ 600 23	
Naumkeag Trust Co.	367 65	
Essex Savings Bank	20 00	
Broadway Savings Bank	51 23	
Book fines, cash on hand	24 00	
Total		\$1,063 20
Town appropriation expenses		900 00
Town appropriation salaries		1,100 00
Dog tax		495 76
Total		3,558 96

Expenditures, salaries

Librarian's salary	499 92	
Librarian's assistant's salary	243 00	
Janitor's salary	300 00	
Returned to revenue	57 08	
		1,100 00

Expenditures expenses

New books	456 68	
Binding books	75 25	
Magazines	112 55	
Fuel	213 95	
Light	60 12	
Water	6 10	
Insurance	104 20	
Building maintenance	875 34	
Miscellaneous	67 02	
Bank service charge	1 12	
Balance Naumkeag Trust Co.	462 33	
Cash on hand	24 00	
Returned to revenue	17	
		2,458 96

\$3,558 96

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD Y. SMITH, Treasurer.

CHARLES L. FLINT FUND

Harold Y. Smith, in account with Flint Public Library:	
Charles L. Flint fund, principal	\$5,000 00
Deposited in banks, December 31, 1949:	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	1,117 15
Danvers Savings Bank	1,366 62
Broadway Savings Bank	1,866 96
Essex Savings Bank	1,000 00
Salem Savings Bank	647 94

MARY ESTY EMERSON FUND

Harold Y. Smith, in account with Flint Public Library:	
Mary Esty Emerson Fund, Principal	\$2,500.00
Invested as follows:	
Carena Apartment Building Bond (par value)	500 00
Carena Apartment Corp. (Capital stock)	1 00
Lexington Avenue and 42nd Street	
(20 shares common stock)	20
Deposited in Danvers Savings Bank	2,084 16
Deposited in Danvers National Bank	746 77

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD Y. SMITH, Treasurer.

(Income from B. F. Emerson Fund Naumkeag Trust Co. \$357 15)

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1949

The Flint Public Library has been open as usual on Tuesday and Saturday evenings 7—9 P. M. and on Saturday afternoons 3—5 P. M.

The librarian has endeavored to assist students with assignments and books on the reading lists have been placed in the reading room for the convenience of students. The library has cooperated with the Howe-Manning School in supplying deposits of books for supplementary reading.

Each week during the spring and summer, the late Mr. Alfred B. Harrington presented the library with flowers from his garden, a practice which he has followed for several years. It was his idea to share his garden with others and it gave pleasure to all who visited the library.

Miss Caroline Knight, librarian's assistant and Miss Mary Cronan have rendered valuable assistance to the library during the past year.

In the early spring, a new automatic oil burner was installed, which has proved its worth in comfort and convenience. During the latter part of the year, the stack room and balcony were completely repaired and redecorated which adds to the general appearance of the library as one enters. A new electric clock has also been installed.

The librarian wishes to express her sincere thanks to the trustees for their cooperation and help during the past year.

ANNUAL STATISTICS

Volumes in library January 1, 1949	9,677
Volumes added by purchase	289
Volumes added by gift	10
Volumes in the library January 1, 1950	9,976
Total circulation of books, year ending January 1, 1950	7,588
Total circulation of books, non fiction	1,937
Largest monthly circulation	686

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH E. CARLETON,
Librarian.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Middleton:

The Board of Selectmen submit for your approval its annual report of activities for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Meetings have been held each Tuesday evening at 8.00 P. M. at the Town Hall except during the months of June, July and August when meetings were held the first and third Tuesday's of each month. At these meetings all routine business was transacted.

During the past year it has been our duty to make several appointments to fill unexpired terms of office.

As provided by the General Laws, James Ogden was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Office as Custodian of the Town Hall due to the death of Paul Young.

As provided by in the General Laws a Joint Session of this Board and the Board of Public Welfare was held and Charles Pasquale was appointed to fill the unexpired term of office on the Board of Public Welfare caused by the death of Robert Poole.

As provided by in the General Laws James Wentworth was appointed to fill the unexpired term as Chief of Police, due to the resignation of Wilbur Rundlett.

As provided for in the General Laws a Joint Session of this Board and the Planning Board was held and Albert Murray was elected to fill the unexpired term due to the resignation of Louis Wright on the Planning Board.

Acting as the Board of Health this Board has been able to secure a new dumping location on North Main Street next to Muzichuk's Garage. This made it possible for us to have the old dumping location on Essex Street filled in and leveled off.

This year with money supplied by the Mansfield Fund we were able to hold two band concerts at the park. We also held the annual picnic sending the children of the town to Pine Island Park. As usual

baskets were distributed on both Christmas and Thanksgiving by the Mansfield Fund.

We wish at this time to extend our thanks to all the Town Officials and Citizens of the Town for the fine cooperation we have received this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. COFFIN,
FREDERICK C. STEELE,
GEORGE B. OGDEN,

Board of Selectmen.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

MARRIAGE RECORD FOR 1949

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Feb. 6	Middleton	Joseph E. LeBlanc Eunice Mary Karn	Middleton Middleton
Feb. 18	Middleton	Charles E. Tripp Henrietta J. Westall	No. Reading No. Reading
Feb. 23	Middleton	Carl Edward Lund Jeanette Y. Burke	Cambridge Salem
Feb. 26	Middleton	Albert C. Phillips, Jr. Helen L. Small	Salem Danvers
Feb. 26	Middleton	Everett Frederick Wennerberg Dorothy Ann Ness	Middleton Ballardvale
Feb. 27	Middleton	Henry Joseph April, Jr. Phyllis Annette Hennessey	Danvers Middleton
Apr. 17	Danvers	Norman F. Gage Jean L. Kuell	Middleton Middleton
Apr. 30	Middleton	Frank M. Hennessey Antonia G. Bordicott	Lynn Lynn
June 4	Salem	William Edward Carroll Marion Ella Townsend	Salem Middleton
June 27	Danvers	Clement Lakeman Kimball Shirley Jean Eaton	Middleton Middleton
July 1	Danvers	Eugene L. Brown Marion V. Colton	Middleton Middleton
July 2	Lynn	Lloyd Fuller Ballard Martha McGoldrick	Middleton Lynn
July 15	Middleton	John Michael Cryan Virginia Edith Johnson	Middleton Middleton
July 30	Middleton	William Francis Flynn Florence Mattie Cammett	Middleton Lynn
Aug. 9	Middleton	Laurence Sidney Coleman Ernestine Frances Day	Middleton Middleton

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place of Marriage</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Residence</i>
Aug. 20	Salem	Leon Brisbois Loretta Conroy Michalski	Salem Middleton
Aug. 20	Hamilton	James Howland Thacher Janet Lucille Walker	Middleton Hamilton
Aug. 21	Middleton	Willard G. Millbury Roc. D. Pelletier	Danvers Middleton
Sept. 10	Danvers	William R. Campbell Doris A. Lamonde	Middleton Danvers
Sept. 11	Beverly	Henry Wudarcgyk Josephine Raffa	Middleton Beverly
Sept. 16	Middleton	Alfred D. Reed Mary A. Ellsworth	Danvers Danvers
Oct. 2	Middleton	James Schumann Moore Marilyn Florence Soper	Lynn Lynn
Oct. 29	Middleton	Daniel J. Donovan Audrey Higgins	Middleton Wakefield
Nov. 5	Middleton	Raymond Norman Willett Olive F. Brown (Willett)	Middleton N. York

BIRTH RECORD FOR 1949

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Jan. 4	Paul Edward Hennessey	Arthur C. Hennessey Eleanor Donaghue
Jan. 22	Judith Marie Bartnicki	Thaddeus S. Bartnicki Susan C. Nangle
Jan. 31	Cynthia Evangeline Blanchard	Evard L. Blanchard Arline M. Meggison
Jan. 31	James Timothy Emro	Guy Vernon Emro, Jr. Mary B. Hickey
Feb. 5	James Harold McLeod	Donald H. McLeod Ina D. Hardy

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Feb. 5	Susan Elizabeth Cassidy	George J. Cassidy Louise M. Nelson
Feb. 6	Robert David Barthelemy	Laurence K. Barthelemy Eva B. Bates
Feb. 21	Kathleen Jayne Richards	Alfred E. Richards Esther M. Hilton
Mar. 5	Scott Wentworth Perry	Harvey W. Perry Martha A. Peabody
Mar. 12	Robert Bradstreet Jordan, Jr.	Robert B. Jordan Patricia M. Collins
Apr. 6	Jean Louise Fuller	Robert P. Fuller Arline M. Turney
Apr. 19	Russell Gardner Galeucia	Elliott S. Galeucia Martha W. Barrowclough
Apr. 24	Margaret Ruth Maynard	Joseph R. Maynard Lillian I. Balch
Apr. 24	Nancy Laurel Staszewski	John Staszewski Ruth M. Harlow
Apr. 25	Mark Patrick Jones	Thomas P. Jones Irene Weislik
Apr. 25	Mary Ellen Lee	Joseph T. Lee Mary E. Meagher
Apr. 25	Jay Herbert Ballard	Gerald A. Ballard Barbara L. Eckhardt
Apr. 28	Michael Stanley Cassey	Edward J. Cassey Julia M. Quimby
May 3	Dorothy Eva Wilson	Ralph C. Wilson Pauline E. Bishop
May 4	Joseph Davis Joyce	Joseph V. Joyce, Jr., Hazel M. Graves
May 20	Tynne Rubchinuk	John Rubchinuk Enid L. Davis
May 22	Douglas Gaspar Fuller	George A. Fuller, Jr., Eleanor E. Gaspar

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
May 23	Richard William DeCosta	Charles F. DeCosta Evelyn C. Oliver
June 2	Barbara Harriett MacQuarrie	George D. MacQuarrie Barbara M. Byko
June 3	Linda Ann LeBlanc	Eugene J. LeBlanc Rita J. Laberge
June 6	James Richard Stevens	Oren T. Stevens Catherine E. Campion
June 18	Harold Elmer Currier, Jr.	Harold E. Currier Marcia E. King
June 25	Drue Dell Trask Frazier	Ernest E. Frazier Elizabeth T. Paige
June 26	Amelia Jean Riga	Audray W. Riga Angelina M. Amorelli
June 27	Karen Amber Tuneburg	James A. Tuneburg Mary E. Boucher
June 28	Sharon Louise Farnsworth	Arthur G. Farnsworth Beverly M. Lord
July 5	Susan Jane Hocter	William J. Hocter Lorayne N. Campbell
July 28	Nancy Virginia Smith	Leonard P. Smith Elizabeth C. Emro
Aug. 21	Donna Lee Prescott	Earl E. Prescott Barbara I. Armstrong
Sept. 6	Helen Louise Richardson	Perley W. Richardson Bessie G. Foss
Sept. 10	Georgette Frances Blais	Leopold S. Blais Opal C. Yerta
Sept. 16	Timothy Charles Poussard	Rene E. Poussard Mary A. Gould
Sept. 17	Janet Marie Richardson	Benjamin K. Richardson Anne H. Kiely
Sept. 22	Debra Lee Jenkins	Rupert W. Jenkins Marjorie R. Graffan

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Parents</i>
Sept. 26	Catherine Florence Page	Arthur T. Page Mary S. Campbell
Sept. 29	Raymond Vincent Peachey	George A. Peachey Guisseppa Conti
Oct. 21	Donna Marie Rogers	Thomas W. Rogers Virginia A. Hoffman
Oct. 21	Jean Linda Katz	George L. Katz Dorothy Habin
Nov. 5	Marjorie Louise Townsend	Ernest C. Townsend Barbara L. Clark
Nov. 17	Baby Boy Sabino	Manuel J. Sabino Ruth M. Flynn
Nov. 23	Gary Harmon Sheldon	Oscar H. Sheldon, 2nd Gladys C. Giovannacci
Nov. 24	Baby Boy Ferguson	Robert C. Ferguson Hazel I. Odiorne
Nov. 25	Armand Robert Bouchard, Jr.	Armand R. Bouchard Ruth I. Townsend
Nov. 27	Baby Boy L'Heureux	Lucien O. L'Heureux Lucille E. Bouchard
Nov. 29	Keneth Haden Kimball	Clement L. Kimball Shirley J. Eaton
Dec. 9	Glinda Glee Belair	Robert G. Belair Gayl C. Gifford
Dec. 13	Barbara Ann McLeod Constance Emily McLeod	Donald H. McLeod Ina D. Hardy

RECORD OF RESIDENT DEATHS, 1949

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Jan. 23	Elsa N. Mowry	59	5	6
Feb. 22	William W. Wilkins	83	11	19
Feb. 26	Samuel H. Ware	85	—	1

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Feb. 28	Lottie M. Turnbull	72	1	27
Mar. 23	Paul H. Young	51	—	—
Mar. 25	James T. Emro	—	1	25
Mar. 29	Peter J. Sedlak	58	—	—
Mar. 31	Mary E. Gaffey	76	9	16
April 2	Allen E. Ober	60	6	23
April 13	Minnie Macdonald	79	5	11
April 13	John Kachigian	16	—	—
April 14	Robert T. Poole	52	—	—
April 15	Bessie M. Mason	52	—	—
May 12	Frank J. Parker	52	—	—
June 4	Charles O. Currier	84	7	11
June 27	Clare C. Williams	59	11	27
June 28	John P. Monahan	64	11	8
July 22	Charlotte L. Murray	79	—	—
July 22	James Punchard	67	2	25
Aug. 16	Althea Steele	71	1	29
Aug. 20	Luther Brown	51	7	16
Sept. 6	Emily F. Punchard	66	—	—
Sept. 13	Mary A. Roberts	63	—	—
Sept. 17	Maggie A. Rollins	56	5	14
Sept. 22	John Katz	45	—	—
Sept. 29	Louisa De La Haye	83	3	17
Oct. 4	Carrie H. Pollock	74	—	—
Oct. 20	Philip Donovan	56	—	—
Oct. 28	Arthur L. Rowe	64	1	3
Nov. 13	George Smith, 2nd	84	—	—
Nov. 14	Alfred B. Harrington	80	8	4
Dec. 6	Mary E. Hatch	80	10	—
Dec. 10	Lovett S. Milbery	31	9	16
Dec. 10	Arthur P. Beauregard	76	—	—
Dec. 18	Georgianna R. Pellerin	59	—	—

Non-resident Deaths — 37

Any errors or omissions should be promptly noted and reported to the Town Clerk.

DOG TAXES COLLECTED FOR 1949

202 Male Dogs at \$2.00	\$404.00
48 Female Dogs at 5.00	240.00
50 Spayed Dogs at 2.00	100.00
7 Kennel License at 10.00	70.00
2 Kennel License at 25.00	50.00
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	\$864.00
Fees Deducted	61.80
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Paid to Town Treasurer	\$802.20

LICENSES ISSUED FOR 1949

70 Resident Citizens	Fishing
78 Resident Citizens	Hunting
87 Resident Citizens	Sporting
26 Resident Citizens	Women's and Minor
3 Resident Citizens	Minor Trapping
8 Resident Citizens	Trapping
5 Resident Citizens	Sporting (Military)
7 Resident Citizens	Sporting (70 Years or Over)

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER P. MORRILL,

Town Clerk.

POLICE REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1949.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Chief—James W. Wentworth and Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr. (6 mo. each)

Regular Specials—Sergeant Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr., Lloyd H. Getchell,
Joseph Peters, Alexander Fraser, William Pennock.

OFFENCE FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE:

Assault	9
Attempted larceny	1
Arson	1
Breaking and entering	1
Breaking and entering in night time	1
Drunkenness	45
Disturbing the peace	8
Illegal use of a number plate	1
Illegitimacy	2
Larceny	7
Leaving scene of an accident after causing property damage	2
Leaving scene of an accident after causing personal injuries	1
Lewdness	1
Malicious damage to property	3
Non-support	2
Operating so as to endanger	6
Operating after revocation of license	1
Operating while under the influence of liquor	7
Operating unregistered motor vehicles	1
Operating uninsured motor vehicles	1
Robbery	2
Refusing to stop for a police officer	1
Speeding	6
Stubborn child	2
Throwing glass on a beach	1
Vagrancy	3
Trespassing	3

Total 119

DISPOSITIONS:

Discharged—Not guilty	4
Committed to Danvers State Hospital	3
Guilty—Fined	46
Guilty—Filed	19
Released	24
Placed on probation	11
Sentenced to House of Correction, Salem	8
Sentenced to Concord Reformatory	3
Sentenced to Bridgewater	1
Total	119

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ambulance and cruiser cases	44
Automobile accidents investigated	47
Dogs killed by automobiles	30
Complaints received and investigated	822
Escaped patients returned to Danvers State Hospital	4
Firearms, permits	61
Hours in Court	296
Missing and lost persons	23
Messages delivered	152
Motor vehicle transfers	106
Stolen property recovered	\$4,118 00
Summons and warrants served	89
Turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearm permits	\$28 50

This has been a very busy year for the members of the department and all have given their time faithfully, for which we are deeply grateful.

In closing we wish to extend our appreciation to the public of the Town of Middleton and to the Board of Selectmen, for the cooperation they have given us.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief of Police,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH

Former Chief of Police,

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we are able to make a return to the town of \$3,000.00.

In addition to the above sum, the costs of the street lighting installations on both Forest and Webb Streets were taken from the earnings of this department, in the sum of \$1,100.00 making a total of \$4,100.00 returned to the town in 1950.

From March 1938 to March 1950 we have returned to the town the sum of \$17,350.00 and reduced the cost of electricity to the consumer from \$6.11 to \$4.23 for 100 Kw. A reduction of 32½%.

We have tried also to give prompt and courteous service at all times of the day or night.

We are putting into effect March 1, 1950 the following discount,

DISCOUNT

A 10 per cent discount if payment is received within 15 days from date of bill. This discount does not apply to minimum bills or to accounts where arrears are due.

The past year has seen a lot of reconstruction done and many transformers added to give better voltage in those districts where low voltage existed.

Through the cooperation of the Tree Warden many dead limbs and trees have been removed that were dangerous to our lines and the public.

A new contract was entered into with the B. B. Chemical Co. last March which was advantageous to both that Company and this department.

To the Board of Selectmen and the heads of departments of the Town of Middleton we wish to extend our appreciation for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. BATES, Chairman.
GUS L. FISCHER, Clerk.
RICHARD B. FLOYD.

Commissioners.

LAND OWNED BY TOWN**December 31, 1949**

The Town owns the following parcels of land which have been deeded to the Town by the Treasurer:

HASWELL PARK:

Lot 155; Lots 286-290 inclusive.

MIDDLETON PINES:

Lots 2; 3; 4; 294; 295; 406; 408; 410; 412; 414; 456; 457; 532-535 inclusive; 948; 949.

RECREATION PARK:

1st lot of 9th parcel. Bk. 2253 Page 381

14th parcel Bk. 2253 Page 381

2nd pasture Woodland and Meadow

Elliott Lot; Gray lot; Island pasture; Smith Lot; Sutton Lot.

Lots G and H; Lots 61-68 inclusive; 71-82 inclusive; 128-130 inclusive; 231-236 inclusive.

RIVERVIEW PARK:

Lots 15; 16; 35-37 inclusive; 50; 51; 239; 240; 262; 263; 283; 284; 300; 301;

SUMMIT VIEW PARK:

Lots 30-34 inclusive; 51; 57; 74-79 inclusive; 94-97 inclusive; 136-148 inclusive; 164-169 inclusive; 212; 213; 215-218 inclusive; 238; 239; 242-251 inclusive; 257-270 inclusive; 288-301 inclusive; 307; 308; 311-318 inclusive; 321-324 inclusive; 326-337 inclusive; 344-371 inclusive; 376; 378-382 inclusive; 385-398 inclusive.

WOODLAND PARK:

Lots 83-91 inclusive; 125; 113-117 inclusive; 135-138 inclusive; 332; 575; 576.

MISCELLANEOUS:

G. A. Fuller meadow, 14 acres. (cranberry bog)

Joseph Whittier estate, woodland, approximately 8 acres.

MARION E. MITCHELL, Treasurer.

LIST OF JURORS

August 16, 1949

Mr. Archie N. Frost, Clerk of Courts
Salem, Mass.

The following is a List of the Jurors prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Middleton in accordance with Chapter 234, Section 4, General Laws:

Name	Street	Occupation
Addison, John M.	Haswell Park	Gas Worker
Bott, Thomas	East Street	Retired
Currier, Herbert	Forest Street	Carpenter
Floyd, Richard G.	Pleasant Street	Shipper
Gould, Arthur P.	South Main Street	Laborer
Osgood, Clarence, Jr.	Central Street	Foreman
Peart, James W.	Forest Street	Blacksmith
Raynard, Ralph	Boston Street	Foreman
Evans, Frank	Central Street	Retired
Marshall, Richard M.	Riverview Drive	Machinist
Clinch, Charles S., Jr.	South Main Street	Mechanic
Doane, Arthur G.	North Main Street	Insurance
Soper, Leon H.	North Main Street	Sign painter
Martin, William T.	Maple Street	Maintenance
LeBeau, Ernest F.	South Main Street	Maintenance

Very truly yours,

JAMES H. COFFIN,
FREDERICK C. STEELE,
GEORGE B. OGDEN,

Board of Selectmen.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen:

Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Permits applied for	81
Permits issued	79
Permits not granted	2
Jobs completed	62
Jobs not completed	17
Buildings moved	11
Public hearings held	8
Calls made for inspection	364
Mileage covered	749 miles
Amount collected in fees	\$196.50
Estimated value total permits issued	120,677 00
Estimated value new construction	76,000 00
Estimated value new construction completed	17,500 00
Estimated value of new construction not completed	58,500 00
Estimated value of remodeling	44,677 00
Estimated value remodeling not completed	10,850 00
Estimated value remodeling completed	33,827 00

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the general public for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL F. JONES,

Building Inspector.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the Town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1949 Tax Rate:

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town appropriation	\$273,471 00	
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years	79 80	
State parks and reservations	176 40	
State parks and reservations (1948 underestimate)	24 19	
State audit of municipal accounts	1,193 77	
County tax	5,060 28	
County Tax (1948 underestimate)	372 50	
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	2,464 71	
1949 Overlay	2,194 88	
Total appropriation		\$285,037 53

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Income tax	20,727 86	
Corporation taxes	9,800 60	
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	805 75	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise	6,500 00	
Licenses	2,000 00	
Fines	300 00	
Grants and gifts	900 00	
Special Assessments	700 00	
General government	1,000 00	
Health and sanitation	250 00	
Charities	2,800 03	
Old age assistance (other than federal grants)	17,000 00	
Old age tax (meals) Gen. Laws, (Chap. 46B S10)	865 29	
Veterans' benefits	700 00	
Schools	10,000 00	
Public service enterprises	78,859 53	
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	400 00	
Interest on taxes and assessments	300 00	
Additional amount approved by Commissioner	1,995 00	
Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds:	11	
Transfers voted by Town	31,695 76	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$187,599 90

Gross amount to be raised	\$285,037 53
Total estimated receipts and available funds	187,599 90
	<hr/> \$97,437 63
Net amount raised by taxation on personal property	5,974 07
“ “ “ “ “ “ real estate	89,926 53
Number of polls assessed, 768 at \$2.00 each	1,536 00
Fractional gain	1 03
	<hr/> \$97,437 63
TOTAL VALUATION:	
Personal property	\$145,709 00
Real estate	2,193,330 00
1949 Tax rate	41 00

The Assessors are presented with a very serious problem of trying to raise more money each year to satisfy increased appropriations. This is due to rising municipal costs, changes in our modern ways of living, which are much more demanding, on all our Town Departments, such as, more motor vehicle traffic, more police work of all kinds, increase in Old Age Assistance, appointment of full time man under Civil Service for Old Age Assistance position, increased school costs, anticipated appropriation of a large sum for an addition to our school, anticipation of extending water mains and other items too numerous to mention.

Taking into consideration that we have very little building going on in the town the increase in valuation this year will be very small. As a matter of fact the net increased valuation in 1950 will raise approximately \$1,600.00 in actual tax money.

In summing up this situation it all boils down to, how many of these things can we afford?. What we need is a building development here like many of our neighboring towns have enjoyed and then perhaps we might raise enough tax money to enjoy some of the things we would like to have.

Unless something is accomplished along this line you may expect a higher tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL B. WAKE, SR.,

HAROLD M. BISHOP,

DANIEL J. DONOVAN,

Board of Assessors.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

I respectfully submit the report of the Fire Department for the year 1949.

The department during the year answered 63 calls: 23 still and 40 box alarms.

Building	9
Auto and truck	11
Brush, woods and dump	22
Oil burner	1
Chimney	2
Grass	7
Needless	4
False	4
Miscellaneous	3
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The estimated damage to all properties for the year was \$12,355.00 and the State Fire Marshall was called in to investigate two fires.

The department was called to Topsfield to assist in dragging operations at Hood's Pond.

The fire alarm system has been improved with three alarm boxes installed with more planned for the coming year.

Two regulated drills were held at the school during the year.

A great deal of thought should be given towards the purchase of a tank truck, especially for the outlying districts where water shortages are becoming more acute every year.

I wish to thank the Board of Fire Engineers, my officers and men for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER P. MORRILL,

Chief.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year of Tax	Balance Jan. 1, 1949	1949 Commitment	Tax Collected	Interest Collected	Fees Collected	Abate- ments	Refunds	Tax Titles	Balance Dec. 31, '49
REAL ESTATE									
1948	\$8,932 24	—	\$ 8,497 70	\$215 91	—	—	—	\$434 54	—
1949	—	89,927 63	79,407 53	12 90	—	\$2,104 13	\$37 93	788 10	\$7,727 87
EXCISE									
1948	421 67	—	412 08	5 46	—	9 59	—	—	—
1949	—	9,734 15	8,409 49	16 98	—	264 29	245 57	—	1,060 37
POLL									
1948	36 00	—	28 00	25	\$ 3 85	8 00	—	—	—
1949	—	1,540 00	1,374 00	1 37	—	162 00	—	—	4 00
PERSONAL PROPERTY									
1948	1,231 30	—	1,231 30	9 56	—	—	—	—	—
1949	—	5,974 00	5,896 92	15 63	—	—	—	—	77 08

COMPARISON

1948-1949

	Commitment (1948)	Commitment (1949)	Increase in Amount of Commitment	Amount Collected (1948)	Amount Collected (1949)	Increase in Amount Collected
Real Estate Tax	\$87,231.67	\$89,927.63	\$2,695.96	\$83,918.71	\$88,134.04	\$4,215.33
Excise Tax	6,741.94	9,734.15	2,992.21	6,565.73	8,844.01	2,278.28
Poll Tax	1,466.00	1,540.00	74.00	1,406.23	1,407.47	1.24
Per. Property Tax	5,055.05	5,974.00	918.95	3,990.05	7,153.41	3,163.36
	<u>\$100,494.66</u>	<u>\$107,175.78</u>	<u>\$6,681.12</u>	<u>\$95,880.72</u>	<u>\$105,538.93</u>	<u>\$9,658.21</u>

As shown in the above comparison, the total increase in the tax commitments for 1949 amounts to \$6,681.12 with a corresponding increase in collections of 9,658.21. The total outstanding taxes for the year ending December 31, 1949 shows a decrease of \$1,751.89

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. TYLER, Tax Collector.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1949:

Due to an open winter, snow removal has not presented any problem, however, serious ice conditions have prevailed which have required an unusually large amount of sand for sanding. An honest endeavor has been made to keep all streets sanded, but of course it has required several hours to cover all streets of the town. To facilitate matters, one new tailboard sand spreader for icy highways has been added to the department and has speeded work considerably.

Chapter 90 Construction

Work has continued on the widening and straightening of Essex Street. 1500 feet were surface finished. An additional 1500 feet were excavated, and gravel added to bring it to grade. Due to the topography, 400 feet of guardrail were required.

This work will continue each year until the street is finished.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Sealcoat surfacing was applied to Boston Street to the City of Peabody line. Maple Street received sealcoat with one-half stone. Each of these streets is a numbered route and certainly equal to those of the towns it joins.

Chapter 81 Maintenance

The following streets were oiled during the year: Central, East, Essex, Forest, Gregory, King, Logbridge, Lake, Liberty, Locust, Lakeview, Mt. Vernon, Park, Peabody, School, Washington, and Bellevue. A total of 34,000 gallons of Asphalt has been used by the Department.

Special Town Appropriations

This money was spent to rebuild and oil Riverview Drive, (newly accepted street), for a distance of .15 miles, as well as to resurface with gravel to the depth of one foot a total of 1.13 miles of Locust Street.

In conclusion I wish to thank each of the workers of the department and especially the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department, and the Finance Committee for their fine co-operation. It is only by co-operation that work of a lasting nature can be accomplished for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. HOCTER,

February 14, 1950

Highway Surveyor

TREE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

The following is my report for work done on the Trees in 1949.

Trees pruned	53
Trees removed	12
Trees planted	23
Trees cleared for street lights	2
Trees cabled	1

The department was called out five times for storm damage. Six new trees died, due to the hot dry summer.

Eight samples were taken from Elm trees and sent to laboratory to be tested for Dutch Elm Disease. All came back sterile.

Considerable work of lifting low limbs was done on Boston Street.

Many large dead limbs exist in trees throughout the town. This is caused by the hot dry weather we have had in the past two seasons.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD.

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Complaints received and investigated	91
Reports of dog bites	14
Dogs restrained	14
Poultry killed by dogs	9
Lost dogs returned to rightful owners	17
Stray dogs disposed of	15
Dogs killed by automobiles	30
Dog taxes collected and turned over to the Town Clerk	\$324 00

In closing I wish to thank the Selectmen and all dog owners for their cooperation and assistance during the year 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH,

Dog Officer.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

January 10, 1950

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Middleton for 1949.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Scales and Balances				
100 to 5000 lbs.	3	24	0	0
Under 100	10	34	0	0
Weights				
	10	118	0	0
Capacity Measures Liquid				
One gallon and under		2	0	0
Automatic Measuring Devices				
Gasoline pumps	4	0	20	0
Kerosene, oil and grease	0	4	0	0

Total Fees	\$76.00
Adjust. charges	2.25
Total	<u>\$78.25</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

MOTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Middleton.

I hereby submit my report for the Moth Department for the year 1949.

All Elm Trees were sprayed twice, with good results, for Elm Leaf Beetle. The worst condition at the present time exists in the Howe Station area.

An early spray of D.D.T. was applied to all trees.

Some areas were scouted for Gypsy Moths, as at the present time there is a slight increase in this insect.

Four days during the latter part of August were spent in cutting Fall Web Worm nests around Town.

Poison Ivy was sprayed with 2-4-D on the main streets with very good results. It will take about three years to control Poison Ivy with one spraying a year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE REPORT

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE REPORT

The Board submits the following for the year ending December 31, 1949.

GENERAL RELIEF:

Unsettled State	4 cases	15 persons
Outside Cities and Towns	7 cases	20 persons
Middleton	8 cases	10 persons
Child Guardianship	2 cases	

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

(No settlement laws in A.D.C.)

Middleton	5 cases	12 persons
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: (Each case represents one person)

Unsettled State	10 cases
Outside	12 cases
Middleton	39 cases

An increase in expenditures for the year 1949 was necessitated by new Standards of Assistance and an increase in the Old Age Assistance case load.

The Board was greatly handicapped during the year by the death of Board Member, Robert T. Poole and the resignation of Agent Leslie Merrifield, due to pressure of personal business.

The Department of Public Welfare takes this opportunity to thank the various Town Departments and other Organizations for their cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER FRASER, Chairman

CHARLES PASQUALE

LEYLAND A. PHILLIPS, Secretary

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, PLANNING BOARD

January 18, 1950

To The Selectmen, Town of Middleton:

Second Annual Report of the Planning Board, for the year 1949.

The Town Planning Board organized with Louis G. Wright as chairman and Alton W. Hubbard as secretary.

At the annual town meeting of March 15, 1949 two articles in the Town Warrant were referred to the Planning Board for study and recommendation:

Article 15: To see if the Town will appropriate an amount of money to purchase land along Forest Street near the North Reading line to be used as a play ground for children.

Article 17: To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to remove one side of the stone abutment of the old railroad right of way, and gravel in the low area on Oak Road.

In regard to the playground proposed on Forest Street, the Board examined the only desirable lot, a portion of the property known as the "Old Hundred Place" owned by Philip Donovan, with Guy Evans, one of the original petitioners. Because Mr. Donovan placed such a high valuation on this lot compared with the amount that Mr. Evans and the Planning Board felt was appropriate to spend for a playground in that area, and not deeming the matter of sufficient emergency to recommend taking by eminent domain, the board felt that no action should be taken at this time. We did feel however that if a lot on Forest Street in the approximate location of the "Old Hundred Place" could be purchased for a nominal sum which would warrant the clearing and grading of same, the Town would be justified in meeting the need that does exist for a playground in that area.

In regard to the widening of Oak Road, the Board checked with the owners of the property and received verbal permission to move the abutments and change the location of the pole on the old railroad bed. The Board recommended in a special report to the Selectmen on August 18, 1949 that the Town appropriate

the sum of \$300.00 to cut back the west side of the passageway through the old railroad bed widening this portion of Oak Road (a private way) to a sufficient width to accommodate town equipment for emergency servicing of the area. It is our understanding that the cost of relocating the pole would be borne by the people benefiting by this improvement.

Because of agitation over the water situation, the Board held a public meeting on June 1, 1949 for the purpose of discussing with interested citizens of the Town what the policy of the Town should be as to the maintenance, replacement, and extension of the water mains as a guide to the planning board in its recommendations. Approximately one hundred (100) citizens of the town attended this meeting and as a result of the discussion the Board had inserted into the warrant of a special town meeting of September 27, 1949 the following article:

As a result of the interest in the water situation as evidenced before and at a special meeting of the townspeople in June of this year, and in order that the Planning Board may continue its work on this matter, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be used at the discretion of the Planning Board in conducting a survey of the town's water requirements and the formation of a tentative plan for an adequate water system.

The Town voted the Board the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of the survey cited above, and the Board has engaged the services of L. C. Wiley of Wenham, a registered civil engineer. Following the receipt of his report which is due the Board not later than June 1, 1950 the Board anticipates making specific recommendations on the water question.

In our last annual report, we called attention to the inadequacy of the present fire station and the housing of the road and other town equipment. The Board recommends that a special committee be appointed by the Moderator consisting of the Chief of the Fire Department, the Highway Surveyor, the Chief of Police, a Member of the Finance Committee, a Member of the Planning Board and two other qualified impartial voters of the Town, with no department having more than one representative on the committee, to investigate and make specific recommenda-

tions as to the best location, type of building and cost to adequately house the fire, police and road equipment, and to report to the Town before September 30, 1950. We further recommend that the sum of \$200 be made available to this committee to meet necessary expenses.

Late in the year Mr. Wright resigned and Mr. Albert Murray was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next annual election.

This report was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board held January 18, 1950.

ALTON W. HUBBARD, Secretary

FINAL REPORT

COMMITTEE ON REMODELING OLD CENTER SCHOOL BUILDING

The Board of Selectmen,
Mr. James H. Coffin, Chairman,
Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Within the limits of appropriations made by the Town, the work of renovating the Old Centre School Building has been accomplished and we wish to submit our final report.

In 1947 the roofing was renewed on the flat deck and all southern exposures. All doors, windows, and other members were restored to good working order.

In 1948 a new boiler was installed and the building's radiation reconditioned and expanded to meet current needs. A new sump pump was installed in the boiler pit.

In 1949 the remainder of the renovations planned for the building were carried out.

This work included the removal of the partition between class-rooms on the second floor to provide an auditorium complete with hallways, kitchen, cloak-room and toilet facilities. Plastering was renewed where necessary and all areas were re-decorated. Running hotwater was connected to the kitchen and toilets. All windows in these areas have been cleaned and provided with new draw-shades.

Construction requirements for the licensing of the auditorium under the classification "Miscellaneous Hall" have been met. These include, among other features, proper exits, ventilation, fire-stopping and emergency lighting. Authorities advise that such a license can be issued when the hall is properly furnished.

New concrete steps have been constructed at the north entrance. Two coats of lead and oil paint were applied to such outside surfaces as were found to be in the greatest need.

The northern four sections of the roof were not yet in need of re-roofing when this work was done in 1947. The low bidder at that time submitted a cost figure of \$374.00 to complete these areas. This committee now advises that this work is necessary and can no longer be delayed without risk of damage to the new plastering and interior finish. It is recommended that an article be inserted in the 1950 Town Warrant to cover this item.

Some outside surfaces facing east and north remain unpainted. It is recommended that serious consideration be given to the need for completing the painting of the entire outside surface of the building.

This building is currently furnishing quarters for the town's war veterans and the departments of Electric Light, Welfare and Assessors, and facilities exist for expanded town use.

Now that the Old Centre School Building has been restored both in usefulness and appearance, proper care and maintenance will be good economy for the Town. We recommend the assignment of this important duty to a year-round custodian.

The committee is grateful for the co-operation received from all town officials, employees and citizens while carrying out this assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER K. MASSE, Chairman,
ELMER O. CAMPBELL, Jr., Clerk,
HAROLD Y. SMITH
WILLIAM G. BIRCH
CHARLES S. CLINCH, Jr.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston, 33

August 12, 1949

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. James H. Coffin, Chairman
Middleton, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the Town of Middleton for the period from September 26, 1947, and of the accounts of the municipal light department from May 1, 1948, to March 15, 1949, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Francis X. Lang
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxations
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the Town of Middleton for the period from September 26, 1947, and of the accounts^{of} of the municipal light department from May 1, 1948, the dates of the previous audits, to March 15, 1949, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the various departments receiving or^{re}disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the books of the accountant and the treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer, while the recorded disbursements were checked with the treasury warrants and with the record of payments by the treasurer.

The appropriations and loan orders as listed from the town clerk's record of town meeting votes were checked to the appropriation accounts in the accountant's ledger.

An analysis was made of the ledger accounts, the necessary correcting entries resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance was drawn off proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on March 15, 1949.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified with the records of payments to the treasurer by the several town departments and with the other sources paying money to the town, while the recorded payments were compared with the treasury warrants.

Verification of the cash balance on March 15, 1949 was made by actual count of the cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, and by inspection of the saving bank book and securities.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were proved with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds in custody of the town treasurer, the library trustees, and the Naumkeag Trust Company were examined and listed, all transactions pertaining thereto being checked and verified.

The deductions from employees' salaries for federal taxes and the retirement fund were listed and reconciled with the amounts due and paid to the federal government and the county retirement system.

The tax titles held by the town were listed from the records of the treasurer and all transactions pertaining thereto were verified, including a comparison with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and proved to the warrants issued for their collection. The recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer and with the accountant's books, the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The collections on account of dog and sporting licenses issued were verified and compared with the payments to the town treasurer and to the State.

It was noted that the payments to the town treasurer of dog licenses were not made on the first Monday of each month as required by law.

The security bonds filed by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the board of selectmen and the building inspector were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

It was noted that no charge was being made for milk licenses issued, as required by Section 41, Chapter 94, General Laws.

The books and accounts of the municipal light department were examined and checked. The commitments were analyzed, the payments to the treasurer and the abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the accountant's controlling accounts.

The record of consumers' deposits were examined and checked, the deposits and refunds being verified. The deposits on hand were listed and reconciled with the controlling accounts in the ledger.

Verification of the outstanding tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, departmental and municipal light accounts was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures, of the health, public welfare and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments were proved by actual count.

In addition to the balance sheet previously mentioned, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, tax possession, departmental and municipal light accounts, as well as tables showing the trust and investment fund transactions.

For the cooperation received from all the town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

**Report of the Finance Committee
For the Town of Middleton
Upon the Warrant**

For the Annual Meeting to be held March 14, 1950

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON:

To the Voters of the Town of Middleton:

Your Finance and Advisory Committee has held several meetings with the various department heads and also an open meeting with the voters of the Town on February 7, 1950, for the purpose of discussing the Budget for this year.

Your Finance and Advisory Committee is composed of a group of taxpayers like yourselves. They have spent many hours in detailed study of these budgets. In considering the requested budgets of the several departments, the committee has tried to be guided by the actual needs of the Town as well as what the town can afford.

Upon the voters of the Town rests the final determination of the amounts which will be appropriated and the purposes for which appropriations are to be made. Also upon the voters of the Town, rests the final responsibility of stabilizing the cost of running the various Town Departments; the running of the General Government of the Town will go only as high as the voters permit.
Reserve Fund Note:

This year we are asking for a Reserve Fund of \$2,500.00, transfers from this account may be voted by this committee to cover only extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. Despite the most careful planning by our department officers, and committees, they are confronted with contingencies which arise, and with an ample reserve fund available, much valuable time is saved and the expenses of Special Town Meetings are eliminated

The following amounts were transferred from the Reserve Fund in 1949 and are included in the expenditures of the departments which received them:

1949 Appropriation—\$2,000.00

June 21, '49	Highway Machinery Account...	\$ 20.00
Sept. 26, '49	Accountant—Expense.....	12.33
Oct. 8, '49	School Addition Survey Comm..	500.00
Oct. 8, '49	Town Scales—Expenses.....	24.32
Dec. 1, '49	Police Dept.—Expenses.....	170.00
Dec. 31, '49	Old School—Expenses.....	98.04
“	Board of Health—Expenses....	154.61
“	Public Welfare—Expenses.....	356.70
“	Vocational Education—Expenses	211.20
“	School Addition Survey Comm..	1.00
“	Insurance—Expenses.....	7.54
Total....		\$1,555.74
Trans. to Surplus Revenue.....		\$444.26

The following figures regulate your Tax Rate:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Assessed Valuation</i>	<i>Raised By Taxation</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>
1940—	\$1,996,812.00	\$64,979.99	\$32.00
1941—	2,026,932.00	65,999.83	32.00
1942—	2,030,180.00	66,193.78	32.00
1943—	2,037,158.00	66,423.45	32.00
1944—	2,104,196.00	64,406.88	30.00
1945—	2,116,034.00	64,789.02	30.00
1946—	2,162,379.00	79,187.66	36.00
1947—	2,196,147.00	80,443.29	36.00
1948—	2,250,869.00	93,746.72	41.00
1949—	2,339,039.00	97,437.63	41.00
1950—	2,378,239.00	?	?

We wish to express our thanks to the various department heads for their cooperation in discussing their Budget requests.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Richardson, *Chairman*

R. T. Sperry

H. Y. Smith

E. L. McIntire

William G. Birch, *Clerk*

ARTICLE I. To authorize the Selectment to appoint such other Town Officers as are required to be chosen annually.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE II. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial Year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a Note or Notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such Note or Notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chap. 44, of the General Laws.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to form a Public Welfare District, joining with Boxford and Topsfield in accordance with the provisions of Section 44, 45 and 46 of Chapter 117.

Committee recommends approval of this Article (as per recommendation of the Board of Public Welfare) it is much to our advantage to do so.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2600.00 for the purpose of maintaining a common Public Welfare Office and employing suitable persons to assist the Board of Public Welfare of Middleton in carrying out provisions of Chapter 117, 118, 118A and 122.

Committee recommends approval of this Article (as per recommendation of the Board of Public Welfare) and that the sum of \$2600.00 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE VI. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town expenses for the ensuing year.

Committee recommendations are set forth in Schedule A, page 00.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Essex Street; said funds to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by State and County for this purpose.

Committee Recommends approval of this Article, and that the sum of \$2000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, on Essex Street, and that in addition, the sum of \$6000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance: said funds to be used with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the sum of \$2000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Maintenance, and that, in addition, the sum of \$1000.00 be transferred from unappropriated Available Fund in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State to be restored, upon receipt to unappropriated Funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4800.00 for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance Work: said funds to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the sum of \$4800.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance Work, and that, in addition, the sum of \$8800.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursement from the State to be restored, upon receipt, to Unappropriated Funds in the Treasury.

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use such free cash in the Treasury as they, in their best judgment, feel is warranted, and is approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, for the purpose of reducing the Tax Rate.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE XI. On petition of the Finance Committee to see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of selling, or leasing the operation of the Electric Light Department.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the Moderator appoint a Committee of 5 members, composed as follows: one member each of the Selectmen, Planning Board and Finance Committee, and two other qualified voters, said Committee to report back to the Town at the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$225.00 to be used by the Tree Warden to remove trees on Maple Street opposite the Essex Sanatorium entrance.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and the sum of \$225.00 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE XIII. On petition of the South Middleton Improvement Association, Inc., to see if the Town will vote to have the School Bus re-routed through River Street, in order to pick up High School students, and appropriate money for same.

Committee recommends this Article be referred to the School Committee.

ARTICLE XIV. On petition of Esther McColley and 10 others, to see if the Town will vote to accept Highland Road, from Maple Street, to Pine Street, an approximate distance of 300 feet, and Pine Street from Highland Road to Grove Street.

Committee recommends this Article be referred to the Planning Board.

ARTICLE XV. On petition of Harold E. Tyler and 45 others, to see if the Town will vote to extend street lights of Lakeview Ave. (off No. Main Street) and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Committee recommends approval of this Article and that the sum of \$300.00 be taken from the earnings of the Electric Light Dept. (this is with the approval of the Elec. Light Commissioners).

ARTICLE XVI. On petition of Barbara MacQuarrie and 22 others to see if the Town will vote to have street lights on Peabody Street and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Committee recommends approval of this Article and that the sum of \$900.00 be taken from the earnings of the Electric Light Department. (This is with the approval of the Electric Light Commissioners.)

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$3000.00 from the earnings of the Electric Light Department.

Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE XVIII. On report of the Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to cut back the West side of the Passageway through the old railroad bed, widening this portion of Oak Road.

Committee recommends approval of this Article (on the recommendation of the Planning Board), and that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE XIX. On recommendation of the Planning Board to see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a Special Committee consisting of the Chief of the Fire Department, the Highway Surveyor, Chief of Police, a member of the Finance Committee, Planning Board, and two other qualified imparital voters of the Town, with no Department having more than one representative on the Committee, to investigate and make specific recommendations as to the best location, type of building, and cost to adequately house the Fire, Police, and Road Equipment, and to report to the Town before September 30, 1950. We further recommend that the sum of \$200.00 be made available to this Committee to meet necessary expenses.

Committee recommends approval of this Article, and that the Moderator appoint a Committee of 7 members, composed as follows: one member each, Selectmen, Planning Board, Finance Committee, Chief of the Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Surveyor, and one other qualified voter. We further recommend that the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for any necessary expense of the Committee. This Committee to report to the Town before September 30, 1950.

ARTICLE XX. To see what action the Town wishes to take with regard to accepting Chapter 54, Section 103A of General Laws, the effect of which would make Chapter 54, Sections 86 to 103 inclusive and Chapter 56, Section 27 and Section 34 dealing with absentee ballots applying to regular Town elections.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE XXI. On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4000.00 for the purchase of an 800 gallon Tank Truck, Booster Pump, Reels, Hose and necessary equipment for the Fire Department.

Committee does not recommend the purchase of Fire Equipment at this time (lay it on the table).

ARTICLE XXII. On petition of the Moth Superintendent, to see if the Town will vote to purchase a Power Sprayer and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for same, agreeable to the Moth Superintendent.

Committee recommends approval of the Article, and that the sum of \$2000.00 be raised and appropriated, we further recommend that the Selectmen together with the Moth Superintendent purchase this equipment, using the old 1908 Sprayer as turn-in value.

ARTICLE XXIII. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed by the moderator at the Annual Town Meeting of 1949 to investigate additional school facilities.

No recommendation required.

ARTICLE XXIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build an addition to the Howe-Manning School and to originally equip and furnish the same; and to provide for the raising of such sum of money by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by the issue of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and of the Special Act entitled "An Act Authorizing the Town of Middleton to Borrow Money for the Construction of an Addition to the Howe-Manning School," enacted by the General Court of 1950; or take any other action relating thereto agreeable to the petition of the committee to investigate additional school facilities.

Committee to report at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE XXV. To see if the town will vote to authorize the moderator to appoint a school building committee, or to authorize the existing committee to investigate additional school facilities to act as a school building committee, to build an addition to the Howe-Manning School and to originally equip and furnish the same, to enter into all necessary contracts for this purpose, and to exercise on behalf of the Town all other powers necessary and incidental to the principal authority to build, equip and furnish such addition; or take any other action relating thereto, agreeable

to the petition of the committee to investigate additional school facilities.

Committee to report at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE XXVI. To see if the Town will vote to conform with the requirements of Chapter 166, Section 32 of the General Laws as amended regarding the appointment of the Inspector of Wires by the Selectmen.

Committee would leave this up to Town Meeting.

Schedule A

Recommendations Under Article 6

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Average Expended 1946-1948</i>	<i>Expended 1949</i>		<i>Recom- mended 1950</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT—6.7% OF TOTAL				
1	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	Moderator.....	\$ 50.00
FINANCE OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE:				
2	3.33	10.00	Expense.....	25.00
SELECTMEN:				
3	741.66	750.00	Salaries and Wages.....	750.00
4	208.50	251.66	Expense.....	405.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:				
5	700.00	700.00	Salaries and Wages.....	700.00
6	37.27	62.33	Expense.....	50.00
TREASURER:				
7	700.00	700.00	Salaries and Wages.....	700.00
8	368.98	400.00	Expense.....	331.00
9	385.60	346.75	Tax Title Expense.....	400.00
COLLECTOR:				
10	700.00	700.00	Salaries and Wages.....	700.00
11	347.63	402.52	Expense.....	470.00
ASSESSORS:				
12	1,500.00	1,500.00	Salaries and Wages.....	1,500.00
13	310.62	550.00	Expense.....	595.00
LAW:				
14	300.00	400.00	Salaries and Wages.....	400.00
15	66.27	176.70	Expense.....	100.00
CLERK:				
16	400.00	400.00	Salaries and Wages.....	400.00
17	97.35	69.88	Expense.....	79.50
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS:				
18	166.66	100.00	Salaries and Wages.....	220.00
19	380.00	150.00	Expense.....	550.00
20	12.07	104.61	Planning Board Expense....	100.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:				
TOWN HALL				
21	730.00	730.00	Salaries and Wages.....	730.00
22	720.81	784.89	Expense.....	1,200.00
23	00.00	196.70	Special Repairs—Expense..	1,000.00
OLD SCHOOL				
24	00.00	120.00	Salaries and Wages.....	250.00
25	113.57	623.00	Expense.....	650.00
26		\$10,279.04	Total—Gen. Government	\$12,355.50

<i>Item</i>	<i>Average Expended No. 1946-1948</i>	<i>Expended 1949</i>	<i>Recom- mended 1950</i>
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY—7.7% OF TOTAL

POLICE:

Under Alternate Plan:

Officers to receive (\$1.10 per hr.)

27			Wages—Maintenance of Car & Office	\$3,000.00
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Under Present Plan:

28	\$2,496.92	\$2,750.00	Salary of Chief	3,000.00
29	925.85	1,175.00	Wages of Reserve Officers .	1,390.00
30	1,760.69	1,044.69	Maintenance Expense . . .	1,610.00
31	35.00	35.00	Constable Salary	35.00

FIRE:

32	453.33	725.00	Salaries	795.00
33	3,785.28	4,030.96	Wages & Expense	4,110.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

34	190.00	200.00	Salary	200.00
35	16.66	50.00	Expense	50.00
36	00.00	17.26	Board of Appeals—Expense .	50.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:

37	125.00	125.00	Salaries and Wages	125.00
38	50.09	73.26	Expense	75.00

FORESTRY:

39	1,068.77	1,197.86	Moth—Expense	1,200.00
40	625.25	898.06	Tree—Expense	1,000.00
41	49.80	149.25	New Trees	00.00
42	00.00	200.00	Poison Ivy Control	300.00
43	00.00	00.00	Dutch Elm Disease—Control	200.00

45		\$12,671.34	Total Protection of Persons and Property	\$14,140.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION—2.8% OF TOTAL

46	1,451.42	1,554.61	Board of Health—Expense . .	1,600.00
47	383.02	500.00	Dental Clinic—Expense	500.00
48	2,010.06	2,464.71	Essex Sanatorium Assessment	2,750.37
49	200.00	200.00	Insp. of Cattle—Salary	200.00
50	100.00	100.00	Insp. of Slaughtering—Salary .	100.00
51		\$4,819.32	Total—Health & Sanitation	\$5,150.37

110 RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE COMMITTEE

Item No.	Average Expended 1946-1948	Expended 1949		Recommended 1950
HIGHWAYS—14.5% OF TOTAL				
52	\$2,599.75	\$3,020.00	Road Machinery Account— (Transfer from Road Mach. Fund)	\$3,000.00
53	1,670.92	3,463.94	Highway—General Fund	4,000.00
54	4,800.00	4,800.00	Chapter 81 Maintenance (see Art. 9)	4,800.00
		12,799.71	Total Spent, Incl. State	
55	2,737.68	2,000.00	Chapter 90 Construction (see Art. 7)	2,000.00
		19,189.96	Total Spent, incl. State & County	
56	1,066.66	2,000.00	Chapter 90, Maintenance (see Art. 8)	2,000.00
		3,000.00	Total Spent, incl. State	
57	11,803.45	6,320.18	Snow	7,500.00
58	159.68	00.00	Land Taking—Essex Street . .	200.00
59	1,132.47	1,777.05	Highway—Special	00.00
60	2,500.00	2,750.00	Street Lights	3,000.00
61	78.67	83.67	Xmas Tree & Park Lights . . .	100.00
62		\$43,404.51	Total—Highway	\$26,600.00
CHARITIES—21.9% OF TOTAL				
GENERAL RELIEF:				
63	325.00	325.00	Salaries and Wages	475.00
64	4,085.58	8,356.70	Expense	8,000.00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:				
65	500.00	822.18	Administration (see Art. 5)	2,600.00
66	20,233.33	25,000.00	Expense	25,000.00
		36,772.37	Total Spent, Incl. Fed. Grant	
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:				
67	3,291.66	4,000.00	Expense	4,000.00
		5,398.07	Total Spent, Incl. Fed. Grant	
68		\$51,674.32	Total—Charities	\$40,075.00
SOLDIERS' BENEFITS—1.2% OF TOTAL				
69	166.66	250.00	Veterans' Salary	250.00
70	00.00	00.00	Expense	25.00
71	1,031.55	2,384.30	Soldiers' Relief Expense	2,000.00
72		\$2,634.30	Total—Soldiers' Benefits	\$2,275.00

<i>Item</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Expended</i>		<i>Recom-</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>1946-1948</i>	<i>1949</i>		<i>mended</i>
				<i>1950</i>

SCHOOLS—33.9% OF TOTAL

73	\$23,178.83	\$29,256.87	Salaries and Wages.....	\$34,141.63
74	23,694.97	27,983.66	Expense.....	26,227.21
75	275.53	611.20	Vocational Education.....	1,500.00
76	00.00	751.00	School Addition—Survey (see Art. 24)	

77		\$58,602.73	Total—Schools	\$61,868.84
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NOTE: School Aid Estimate per Chapter 70, Section 10 \$15,125.93; Net Cost to Town \$46,742.91—Full Amount \$61,868.84. Must be appropriated in anticipation of reimbursements from the Commonwealth for support of schools.

LIBRARIES—1.3% OF TOTAL

78	\$70.23	1,042.92	Salaries and Wages.....	1,200.00
79	1,239.57	1,393.60	Expense.....	900.00
			Plus Dog Tax—Refund...	413.05

80		\$2,436.52	Total—Libraries	\$2,513.05
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RECREATION—.5% OF TOTAL

81	653.30	479.21	Park Expense.....	750.00
82	00.00	00.00	Park—Special (Tree Clearing)	200.00
83		\$479.21	Total—Recreation	\$950.00

UNCLASSIFIED—3.6% OF TOTAL

84	335.25	524.00	Town Reports.....	550.00
85	320.02	372.90	Memorial Day.....	400.00
86	491.40	1,213.31	Retirement Fund Assessment	1,580.16
87	00.00	8,206.48	Old School Alterations.....	00.00
88	00.00	89.02	Old School Repairs.....	00.00
89	828.28	1,555.74	Finance Comm., Reserve Fund	2,500.00
90	1,412.45	1,334.54	Insurance.....	1,680.00
91	00.00	146.81	Recodifying Town By-Laws..	00.00
92		\$13,442.80	Total—Unclassified	\$6,710.16

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

93	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	Wages—Auditor.....	\$ 100.00
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112 RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE COMMITTEE

<i>Item</i> <i>No.</i>	<i>Average</i> <i>Expended</i> <i>1946-1948</i>	<i>Expended</i> <i>1949</i>		<i>Recom-</i> <i>mended</i> <i>1950</i>
94	200.00	300.00	Commissioner's Salary (\$100.00 Each)	300.00
95	1,627.50	2,385.00	Clerk—Salary and Wages . . .	2,600.00
96	11,855.46	12,441.40	Wages (Distrib. & Maint., Cosnt. & Maint. of Street Lights)	13,100.00
97	39,530.20	48,188.34	Energy—Expense	50,000.00
98	12,258.94	14,248.69	Maintenance & Construction Expense	13,000.00
99	2,392.30	2,666.93	Depreciation Fund	2,874.18
100		\$80,330.36	All to be taken from the Earning of the Elec. Light Dept.	\$81,974.18

TOWN SCALES—.4% OF TOTAL

101	42.55	50.00	Salaries and Wages	50.00
102	8.64	124.32	Expense	25.00
103		174.32	Total—Town Scales	75.00
104		\$80,504.68	Total—Public Service Enterprises	\$82,049.18

CEMETERIES—1.7% OF TOTAL

105	30.00	30.00	Salaries (Supt. of Burials) . . .	30.00
106	60.00	45.00	Salaries (Commissioners—\$20.00 each)	60.00
107	1,723.02	2,146.40	Maintenance—Expense	2,300.00
108	450.46	464.25	Opening Graves—Expense . .	500.00
109	286.35	402.79	Equipment & Asphalt (transfer from Lots and Graves Fund)	400.00
110		\$3,088.44	Total—Cemeteries	\$3,290.00

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST—3.4% OF TOTAL

111	2,666.66	2,000.00	School Construction Note . . .	2,000.00
112	666.66	2,000.00	Old School Alteration Note . .	2,000.00
113	666.66	2,000.00	Tractor Purchase Note (transfer from Road Machinery Account)	2,000.00

114	420.94	384.77	Interest on Same	360.00
115		\$6,384.77	Total—Maturing Debt & Int.	\$6,360.00
		\$290,421.98	Total Spent— All Dept.	
116			Total—Budget Recommendations	\$264,338.10
117			Total—Special Articles	2,725.00
118			Total—All Recommendations	267,063.10
			Add:	
119			Estimated State Charges, County Taxes, Assessors Estimate of Overlay, and all other amounts required by Law to be raised	10,084.24
120			Grand Total—Recommendations & Estimates	\$277,147.34

*Item
No.*

Deductions:

121	Deductions to compute estimated tax rate:			
	Estimated receipts, Income, Corporation, Gasoline Taxes, from State, Motor Vehicle Excise and other local receipts from other sources than taxation			
			\$168,468.40	
122	Poll Taxes			
			1,536.00	
			\$170,004.40	170,004.40
123	Estimated balance to be raised by a levy on local Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property, other than Motor Vehicles			
				\$107,143.94
124	Estimated Tax Rate based upon above recommendations, using current valuation of Town (Assessor's estimate \$2,378,239.00)			
				\$45.47

NOTE:

The Finance Committee has prepared the above Estimated Tax Rate based on our recommendations and estimated receipts, knowing that these figures are solely furnished as a guide, and, that the (Assessors are the sole department empowered to fix the official tax rate.)

However:

We recommend a transfer of \$6000.00 from the Town Surplus Fund to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.

This would result in an approximate tax rate of \$43.00

REPORT

OF THE

MIDDLETON

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1949

SCHOOL REPORT

School Committee

MR. EBEN JEWETT, Chairman	Term expires 1953
MRS. ROSAMOND BASTABLE, Secretary	Term expires 1953
MR. HAROLD Y. SMITH	Term expires 1952
DR. RAYMOND SILVERNAIL	Term expires 1951
MRS. ALICE K. CASS	Term expires 1950

Supt. of Schools, MR. STEPHEN G. BEAN, Wilmington, Mass.

School Physician, MRS. LOIS ROGERS, M. D., Topsfield, Mass.

School Nurse, MRS. LOUISE BRENNAN, Salem

Attendance Officer, MR. HAROLD F. PURDY, Middleton

TEACHING CORPS

MISS C. ALICE MANNING	Principal
MR. JOSEPH DZENOWAGIS	Grade VIII.
MR. GARDNER HOLMES	Grade VII.
MRS. MARY DUNN	Grades VI.
MISS FANNIE HINCKLEY	Grade V.
MRS. VILLA LAVORGNA	Grade IV.
MRS. FRANCES CARPENTER	Grade III.
MISS MARIE S. FLATHERS	Grade II and III.
MRS. NELLIE JOHNSTON	Grade II.
MISS JEAN SHINNICK	Grade I.
MISS CATHERINE DEVANE	Grade I.
MISS ALICE O'HANASIAN, Supervisor of Music	
MRS. DOROTHY PALMER, Supervisor of Art	

MR. CHARLES CLINCH, Janitor

School Calendar 1950

January 3 to February 25

VACATION ONE WEEK

March 6 to April 28

VACATION ONE WEEK

May 8 to June 16

VACATION TEN WEEKS

September 6 to December 22 (noon)

VACATION ONE WEEK

Schools opens January 2, 1951

HOLIDAYS

February 22	Good Friday	April 19	May 30
October 12	November 11	November 23 and 24	

No School Signal

Two Blows on Fire Alarm at 7.45 o'clock A. M.

Two Blows on Whistle at the Blacking Factory at 7.45
o'clock A. M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To The School Committee
Middleton, Mass.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Herewith is presented my twenty-sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the town. Like every report it covers parts of two school years and because of the many changes from one to the other has a tendency to cover the current conditions rather than those of the earlier months of the fiscal year.

The major changes during the year have been those of personnel rather than of policy. Fifty per cent of the regular classroom teachers were changed between June and December. Both supervisors are new to the system this year. The school nurse is also a newcomer. In almost any other type of organization such a turnover would be calamitous. We have taken it in stride however and the school is operating even better than last year. This is due in part to the reduction in size of classes made possible by the creation of an extra class in the primary grades.

Our prediction that there would be a large entering class in September was amply justified.* In 1948 we enrolled, as of October 1, forty-seven pupils in grade one. On the same date in 1949 there were sixty-one. For the school as a whole, the increase on the same date was thirty-three. This is the equivalent of a whole grade growth in one year. That this is likely to continue is evident from a study of the current school census. This tabulation shows 109 children in town on Oct. 1, 1949 between the ages of 5 and 7 years. Of these 66 were in school leaving 45 sure entrants for the 1950 class. To this can be added some from the 4 to 5 year group who will be old enough to attend school. No allowance is here made for those probable entrants from new families whose children were not enumerated in the census. Now consider the fact that the present eighth grade numbers only 33. This means a probable net increase in enrollment for the fall term of from 20 to 25 pupils. That this annual increase in numbers is no temporary thing we have the testimony of none other than the President of the United States. He stated recently that there will be an influx of 7,000,000 new children in the nation's schools in the next seven years. School buildings

throughout the country are already crowded to capacity. He urges that communities act at once to meet this emergency. We are already prepared to care for the situation next fall by use of the other half of the auditorium. After that we must have new construction such as is being advocated by the School Building Committee. Action should be started at once. It takes time to plan and build a good school building.

Whenever we talk of new buildings for school purposes we meet the one question as to where the money is coming from. Taxes are already too great. The people won't stand much more. There is one partial solution to this problem. This is found in the law granting to approved school projects anywhere from twenty to fifty per cent of the construction costs from state funds appropriated for that purpose. This law has a time limitation so that quick action on our part is advisable. Preliminary plans have already been prepared which would meet our needs adequately. The citizens should see to it that funds are made available to put through this project.

In addition to the state aid for building costs there is another state reimbursement which will be of material aid in keeping the tax rate down to a reasonable level. We have already profited from this aid during the fiscal year just ended. You will not find any evidence of this in the reports of the town financial officers because when they receive it there is no earmarking of any sum specifically for schools or education except it be for transportation or state and city wards. It is there, however, under receipts from income taxes. This past year this sum should have been \$15,125.96. It is the town's share under the newly amended Chapter 70 of the General Laws. Next year, provided no change is made in the equalized valuation, we should receive from the same source \$16,684.94. This law was designed to make it possible for the poorer towns to pay salaries and offer services more commensurate with those communities where there is a greater concentration of wealth in proportion to the school population. There is a type of 'joker' in this law. It does not permit the use of any of this refund for capital outlay, i.e., for the purchase of sites or building of buildings. The main intent of this law is that every child throughout the state shall have as many and as good books, as varied and adequate supplies and as many and as well qualified teachers as are found in any community, regardless of wealth. Middleton meets very well the qualifications in regard to books and supplies, but we have not applied

the proportion of the aid to the teacher provision. The state average salary of classroom teachers is in excess of \$3000.00. The average salary in Middleton is not near this figure. Since this aid does not go to material increase in the salary schedule it is evident that it can go to reduction of the tax rate. This makes it possible for the town to afford increased school accommodations without undue increase in taxation.

In making a comparison of local costs for education with that in other towns in the state it is necessary to use figures for the year ended last June. This is because of the fact that the only comparable facts available are those collected by the State Department as of that date. Some of these figures are as follows:

FOR SUPPORT EXCLUSIVE OF GENERAL CONTROL

	Cost	Number	Per pupil
Elementary	\$32,997.73	315	\$104.75
High School	\$19,072.80	110	\$173.38
Total	\$52,070.53	425	\$122.52

The elementary cost is extremely low in comparison with the state average. It is so low, in fact, that if it were not for the balancing effect of the high per pupil cost in the high school, we would not be spending enough per pupil to warrant sharing in the aid from Chapter 70. This law calls for a per pupil expenditure of \$110 per pupil. While the per pupil cost in high school seems high in proportion, it is not nearly as great as many towns and cities pay for equivalent services. In fact, taken as a whole, this town is getting an excellent value for its educational dollar.

As was indicated in an earlier paragraph, there was an inordinately high turnover in teacher personnel during the year. Half of our good teachers left us to take positions elsewhere, usually because of a chance to better their financial condition. Miss Mary Shinnick went to our neighbor, Topsfield. She was succeeded by Mrs. Nellie Johnston, a teacher of many years of experience. Miss Ethel Mack, a local girl, was enticed from us by a superior salary offered by Danvers. The West Coast had superior attractions, both financially and otherwise, for Miss Mary Morgan. These two positions were filled by Mr. Joseph Dzenowagis and Mr. Gardner Holmes, respectively. This fall Miss Alice Flynn resigned for a better salaried position elsewhere. Mrs. Frances Carpenter of Lynnfield was secured to take over the sixth grade when Miss Flathers was transferred, at her own request, to the new class which is housed in the rear of the

auditorium. Later Mrs. Carpenter was transferred to the third grade left vacant by Miss Flynn, and Mrs. Mary Dunn of Danvers was placed in the sixth grade room. We also had to replace both of our supervisors. Mrs. Camille Lacey, Music Supervisor, was succeeded by Miss Alice O'Hanasian. In place of our popular Mrs. Mary Field who resigned from the Art department a replacement was found in Mrs. Dorothy Palmer of Marblehead.

Over the long period of years that Miss Manning and I have worked together in Middleton we have seen many classes graduated from which the majority of members have gone on to Danvers High School. Each year we have waited with interest for the first period marks issued from that school. It has been almost infallible that these marks have been better than we expected, especially from the lower section of the classes. It has also been true throughout the years that our boys and girls have won their share of academic honors. In all of these years there has been but one criticism of our pupils and that has come from the department of physical education. Their criticism has been that our youngsters are lacking in physical skills and coordination. This is of course due to the fact that we have never had a consistent program of games and sports, especially such as require a gymnasium for development of physical skills in an all year program. At times we have tried to carry on a program, but with a teaching staff made up wholly of women it has been difficult to develop either football or baseball as is done in the upper grades of larger schools with men specially employed for this purpose. This year the picture is somewhat changed. We now have two young men on the staff. One of these, Mr. Dzenowagis, is interested in developing something of a program as his time and our facilities permit. If we build the hoped for addition with a gymnasium we may be able to meet this one criticism of the product of our Middleton school.

Within the past year or so we have heard much criticism of our school because of an alleged excess of retardation. To determine the truth of this criticism we asked Miss Alice Beal of the State Department of Education to look into the situation. She apparently did not find Middleton much different from the average town in this respect. It seems that part of the retardation has been due to circumstances for which the school system was not responsible. It was felt that one of the chief causes of difficulties in the middle grades was due to faulty reading habits. An earnest endeavor was made by the Committee to secure a teacher

of remedial reading. As yet we have not found a candidate who has the requisite training. This is not the solution suggested by Miss Beal. Her recommendation was smaller classes in the lower grades so that the primary teachers could give more individual attention to children who need it. This is another argument for added school accommodations.

In closing I want to thank all who have helped to improve conditions in our school and to appeal to the voters to provide the increased accommodations so sorely needed.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN G. BEAN,
Superintendent of Schools

Feb. 10, 1950

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS—Table No. 1

Age—Grade Distribution—Registration October 1, 1949

Grades	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	T
I. -	15	44	2											61
II. -		7	33	11			1							52
III. -			9	36	4	2	1							52
IV. -				3	23	10	3	3	1					43
V. -					3	23	6	2	4					38
VI. -						8	19	8	2	3				40
VII. -							3	14	9	5	3			34
VIII								7	15	8	3			33
Total	15	51	44	50	30	43	33	34	31	16	6			353

Table No. 2
Teacher—Grade Distribution
October 1, 1949

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Tot.
Miss Devane - -	30								30
Miss Shinnick - -	31								31
Mrs. Johnston - -		35							35
Miss Flathers - -		17	16						33
Mrs. Carpenter - -			36						36
Mrs. LaVorgna -				43					43
Miss Hinckley - -					38				38
Mrs. Dunn - - -						40			40
Mr. Holmes - - -							34		34
Mr. Dzenowagis -								33	33
Total - - - - -	61	52	52	43	38	40	34	33	353

SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1949

Age	Boys	Girls	Total
5—7	56	53	109
7—16	194	165	359
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4 to 5	20	15	
3 to 4	30	19	
2 to 3	26	40	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

February 10, 1950

The School Committee of Middleton hereby submits to its citizens and taxpayers the first annual report of the five-member board:

Because of the increased enrollment in the lower grades, the committee was obliged to convert the back half of the assembly hall into a classroom for the school year, 1949-1950, and to add another member to its teaching staff. Next September we are faced with an enrollment of approximately 60 first-grade children which will necessitate the creation of still another classroom and the addition of another regular classroom teacher to the faculty. To provide this classroom the assembly hall must be partitioned—thus eliminating the possibility of its being used for school assemblies—and the front section will have to be used for classroom purposes.

There have been several changes in school personnel during the past year. Since the committee feels that the very backbone of its educational system is dependent upon the training, experience, sincerity, and interest of its personnel; great care has been exercised in filling each vacancy. Our new teachers come to us highly trained, well qualified, and highly recommended. The high quality and training of the faculty members is bound to be reflected in better education for our pupils.

The committee is still cognizant of the value of a remedial teacher in our system and have not abandoned the plan to have one. Although we have been unsuccessful so far in our attempt to get just the right person for this highly specialized position, we have again made provision in our budget for a remedial teacher and are hopeful of attaining one by next September.

The planning for and expenditures of school funds is always a matter of utmost importance to the committee. Last April our teachers requested an adjustment in their salary schedule which in substance would raise the maximum salary \$300. In an effort to have our schedule compare favorably with similar communities and thereby being in a position to attract well-qualified teachers to our system, the committee considered it advisable to raise the minimum and maximum salaries on our schedule by

\$200—the first rate increase of \$100 to become effective as of January 1, 1950; the second increase of \$100 to become effective as of next September. This together with the additional teachers on our staff, has added to the salary item in our budget.

As of January 1, 1950 the tuition of our high school pupils increased from \$172.18 to \$179.85, an increase of \$7.67 per pupil.

The committee has found it necessary to have the school heating system cleaned, regulated, and worn parts and motors replaced after 12 years of operation.

In order to keep our textbooks up to date, older editions have been replaced in several instances by complete new series.

These have all been contributing factors to a slightly increased school budget.

The school committee wishes to thank the members of its school staff for their past assistance and requests their continued cooperation and loyalty as it is only through good teamwork and democratic administration that our school can function properly.

The school committee also wishes to thank the citizens and taxpayers for their fine cooperation and interest in our school system. In order that our schools may serve your interests and those of the children of Middleton most effectively, the committee welcomes any suggestions, constructive criticism, and active cooperation that the citizens of Middleton may have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

EBEN L. JEWETT, Chairman

ROSAMOND L. BOSTABLE, Secretary

H. Y. SMITH

ALICE K. CASS

RAYMOND N. SILVERNAIL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Middleton, Massachusetts

February 6, 1950

**To the Superintendent of Schools and
Members of the School Committee,
MESDAMES AND GENTLEMEN:—**

In compliance with your request I make the following report.

The school population has presented several definite problems,—first transfers and enrollment of new pupils, especially during the school year. The latter offers much difficulty for children, as the courses of study often do not agree. This necessitates individual assistance, at least temporarily, and this is a problem when the classes are large and when so many pupils are transported with little opportunity for outside help. Second, the increase in numbers in the lower grades, made it imperative that there be two first grades, a second, a third, and a second and third combination, which was placed in the south side of the Auditorium, last fall.

In September 1950, still another class-room will be needed and the other half of the Assembly Hall must be used. All this has meant much planning in adjustment for wardrobes, filing and lunch room periods, besides depriving the children of the use of the Auditorium. The fact there is only one stairway is a dominant problem here.

The varied uses, easy access, attractiveness and value of the hall have been appreciated in our twelve years in this building, and it is greatly missed.

The increased registration is particularly noticeable in lists of bus pupils, not only in numbers, but in frequent changes on various routes, some of which are very crowded.

Achievement Tests and Reading Readiness Tests were given again this year, the former in the spring and the latter in September. Even better results might be obtained should those for achievement be given in the first month of school as well as in the spring. We feel there is a definite value in the Reading Readiness tests.

Mr. Woessner, instrumental music director, has been very helpful in keeping his schedule in operation under difficult conditions,—holding classes before school, during physical education periods in the hall, and then moving to a corner of the cafeteria. Even this plan cannot be used next year.

Textbooks came into foreground last year for consideration, as in several grades refills could not be obtained. Therefore a complete new set or series was necessary for history, spelling, language and arithmetic in some classes. Later other grades will be supplied.

In October, a State Clinic was held under supervision of the State Departments of Health and Education with Dr. Estelle Foote in charge. The examinations, tests and advice should prove of definite value in our adjustment of pupils who are retarded in their grades.

Questionnaires were sent home this fall, and cards containing the information thereon, are on file in each class-room for use in cases of illness or accident. Quite often pupils who are too ill to be in school must be sent home. This situation has become a problem as many mothers are at work and not easily contacted. The data on these cards, mentioned above, we hope, will enable us to solve this question in a more satisfactory manner.

Our equipment for Visual Education is splendid but under present conditions very little can be accomplished,—the hall is not available and dark curtains are lacking for the rooms. Investigations are under way in regard to the latter, and we hope to have some definite replies, soon. The V S E projector will be a very useful tool in all grades, then.

For the April meeting of the P.T.A. an Art Exhibition was arranged by Mrs. Mary Field, Supervisor of Drawing. This was cumulative of the year's lesson plans with all sets and pupils represented in the class-rooms, while in the Assembly Hall, corridors and on bulletin boards, the correlation with various subjects, especially Health, was emphasized, as well as the step by step progress of the grades. The scope and skill of the plan produced a most interesting result which reflected much credit on Mrs. Field as well as the teachers and pupils.

Physical Education has been, again this year, under the direction of the class-room teachers, and splendid results have been accomplished, when the weather was suitable for classes

in the play-ground. Our yard is so extensive that several groups from lower grades can do good work at the same time. Upper classes have been divided into groups of boys and girls, but divisions have been too large for proper instruction in game rules. Books approved by the State Department of Education were recommended by Mr. Dzenowagis and have been purchased. These have proved useful and more should be bought. The interest shown by the children in this subject warrants the consideration of a regular supervisor, but one is not practical until a gymnasium is a part of our equipment.

Wood-working for boys and Domestic Science for girls are needed for our two upper grades and we hope they will be a part of the curriculum in the near future.

Our school day is long with two buses arriving at eight-thirty and the last two leaving at about three. Thus the school is the community in which most of the children spend more than five hours a day. Community spirit must be present and active, to make the school a success. Interest must be aroused, group activities must be planned and executed, no matter how simple nor in which grades, to the end that the best efforts of the children be recognized, utilized and made a part of our school community life.

In conclusion, may I thank the members of the School Committee, Mr. Bean, Supervisors, teachers and Mr. Clinch for their continued co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. ALICE MANNING.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

During the course of the year, the following services were rendered by the Medical Department:

All the children received a complete physical examination by Dr. Rogers. Parents were notified of any defects in order that they might be remedied through their own family physician or dentist. If this was an impossibility for the family, then they were referred to the school dentist and General Medical Clinics at the various hospitals.

Quite a number of children were immunized against Diphtheria by Dr. Rogers, with parental consent, and still more received booster shots as an added protection.

Both the Massachusetts Vision and Hearing Tests were done. The parents of the children who failed were notified and follow-up work was done.

We have had some cases of Pediculosis this year, but with almost constant supervision of previous offenders, we have kept the percentage at a very low level.

The children were weighed and measured twice during the year and notices were sent home with their height, weight and average weight.

The State Department of Public Education conducted a Mental Hygiene Clinic, in the Fall, and I obtained histories on the various children involved.

Dr. Connolly, again, conducted the Dental Clinic. The children's teeth were examined and notices sent to the parents. The work included fillings and extractions of all those that it was possible to do.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Dr. Rogers, Miss Manning, and the teachers, for their cooperation and able assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE M. BRENNAN, R.N.,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

The object of the Art Program is to help through art in the development of the whole personality of the child, both as an individual and as a co-operating member of a democracy: through art experiences encouraging his creative ability and joy in making; and increasing his powers of observation, understanding, appreciation, selection, organization, co-operation, and his technical knowledge, thereby making his contribution to the community of more value and enlarging his own happiness in the great art of living.

For those who wish to continue and make art a profession the plan will provide some technical training and a sound foundation for further study; for those who do not it should develop taste in the selection and arrangement of their surroundings and greater enjoyment through recognition of beauty, even in the usual. It should also prove suggestive of creative uses of leisure time.

During the early years the emphasis is on the free self-expression of the child. Appreciation and understanding are essential. The interest of the child and motivation are of primary importance. No effort is made to impose a group of static conventional forms; real growth occurs when the child creates form himself. Observation and individual reactions are encouraged and we have had some very original results.

It is helpful for the pupils to experience a variety of materials, not only to learn different skills and broaden their idea of art, but because it is inspiring, and some people work better in one medium than another. We have already used, in different classes, in addition to crayons, powder paints, colored chalks and poster colors, and several groups have been getting a sense of form through clay. We have also done cut paper work leading to the beautiful transparencies designed by the VIII Gr. on the principles of a stained glass window, and carried out in paper and cellophane.

In Grades IV and VI we have made some fine and truly co-operative murals, several children working together on each one. Needless to say, the pupils chose the subjects, providing a nice integration with their other work.

Of course design is fundamental in all our work, color usually being part of it. We do more illustration in the earlier years, shifting the emphasis with the pupils' interests. There has been some lettering and/or poster work in several grades.

At the moment Grade VII is working intensively on figure drawing and will soon branch to the special subjects each has selected.

The VIIIth Grade is doing architectural scale plans and elevations and will soon investigate some of the directions in which art can lead.

In spite of the large classes and very limited time, every pupil has the individual attention of the supervisor.

Needless to say, we have hardly achieved all of our objectives in five months! But we are moving steadily forward.

The work is a great joy, and I wish to thank Mr. Jewett and the whole School Committee and Superintendent Bean for their wonderful help. I should also like to thank Miss Manning for her many kindnesses; and Mr. Clinch for lending us his tools; and finally our splendid staff of teachers, without whose fine cooperation it would not be possible to carry out the program.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY C. B. PALMER.

January 28, 1950

